

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION FORM

FROM: Gary Suiter, City Manager
THROUGH: N/A
DATE: April 9, 2019
ITEM: Fire/EMS Funding Citizen's Committee Update.

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 INFORMATION
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I. REQUEST/ISSUE & BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In November, after discussing options for funding Fire/EMS services, Council directed staff to convene a citizen's committee to explore funding options and opportunities.

In December, committee member applications were solicited, and seven committee members were selected. Committee members included: Kathy Connell, Gary Cogswell, Steve Sehnert, Ed MacArthur, Dan Pirallo, Joella West, and Bud Romberg. Council was represented by Robin Crossan, and staff support was provided by Kim Weber, Gary Suiter, Kendall Yeager, Chuck Cerasoli, and Mel Stewart. Kathy Connell was appointed chair. The committee met 7 times beginning on February 11. Throughout the course of the meetings, the committee has brought in guests to help enhance the conversation, including Dan Foote, City Attorney, Dino Ross, SSAFPD Attorney, and Bob Weiss, who was opposed to the previously proposed funding strategy. Council has been copied on all committee minutes and meeting materials.

The committee worked through a number of funding options, and identified two funding scenarios for discussion. Kathy Connell and other committee members

will provide a presentation to Council on the committee's process and recommendations.

II. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:

Provided in committee report.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review and comment on committee recommendations. Provide feedback to staff.

IV. FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

V. LEGAL ISSUES:

None at this time.

VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

None at this time.

VII. CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL GOALS AND POLICIES:

This item aligns with Council's goal "Determine a long-term funding strategy for emergency services (Fire/EMS)"

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Committee Presentation.

Attachment 2: Committee Comments.

Attachment 3: Minutes.