

The Council Workshop began at 7:09 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Keith Doherty Georgette Dumont Sandy Golding
Christine Hoffman Cory Nichols Phil Vogelsang (left early)

Also present was City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson, and Interim Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Steve Sciotto.

Purpose of Workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to continue the discussion on the proposed Fire Service Agreement between the City of Jacksonville Beach and the City of Jacksonville.

City Manager

Mr. Staffopoulos stated at the April 15, 2019, Council meeting, the Council deferred voting on the Fire Services Agreement until May 20, 2019, in order to have a workshop discussion, and to have any questions Council may have answered by staff and the City of Jacksonville. He explained based on direct conversations between himself, Ms. Nelson, and City of Jacksonville Chief Administrative Officer Sam Mousa, if something is not in the agreement, it is not agreed to between the City of Jacksonville and the City of Jacksonville Beach. Mr. Staffopoulos referenced his memorandum [on file] sent to Council Members clarifying and addressing questions submitted by Council related to:

- Provision of ancillary services
- 9-1-1 cell phone call routing and impacts [handout on file]
- Turnover in Jacksonville Beach Fire Department
- Mandatory Overtime and Staffing
- NFPA recommended standards

Interim Chief Sciotto answered questions:

- clarifying a response time in Jacksonville Beach and Jacksonville is from the time a call is dispatched to when units arrive on the scene
- explained how mutual aid and auto aid work between jurisdictions

Mr. Staffopoulos explained the option of a referendum being voted on in the next available election or having a special election, and the associated costs and timing. He recommends a decision be made by the Council on the Fire Services Agreement.

Mr. Staffopoulos noted an error on page 12 of his memorandum, under Reserve Apparatus: The 2003 Pierce Pumper should be the year 1993, and the 2006 Pierce Pumper should be the year 1996.

Mr. Staffopoulos explained the summary of questions that were answered by Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department Chief Kurtis Wilson and attachments.

Council Member discussion ensued.

Ms. Nelson answered questions related to emergency management and explained the City of Jacksonville is willing to add additional language to the agreement. Mr. Staffopoulos added following the workshop, the intent is to go back to the City of Jacksonville with some of the items they have already agreed to and look to incorporate them into the agreement.

Mr. Staffopoulos answered questions related to the costs to provide an additional rescue unit. Randy Wyse, speaking on behalf of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), spoke about Jacksonville Fire Rescue's proposed future plans to budget to provide a rescue unit for every station JFRD covers and providing a chief for the Beaches. Ms. Nelson clarified some items not in the agreement are due to the fact the City of Jacksonville has not approved the budgeting.

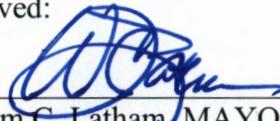
Council Members discussed the current budget for the Fire Department, the cost for Jacksonville Beach to provide additional staffing, the cost to the City of Jacksonville to provide fire service, and the amount of savings under each scenario. Mr. Staffopoulos addressed if there is an increase in the service demand in Jacksonville Beach in the next 20 years that would require additional units, the City of Jacksonville would ask Jacksonville Beach to pay for it. Chief Sciotto clarified rescue service is already provided through an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Jacksonville. Mr. Wyse explained the City of Jacksonville dispatch protocol would need to change. Mr. Staffopoulos stated the City of Jacksonville would look at the zone for the two Jacksonville Beach stations and how they fit geographically into Duval County and redraw the lines.

Council Member discussion continued regarding the need to deal with internal fire department issues, the difficulty of regaining control in the future once fire services are contracted out, and agreement that Jacksonville Beach Fire Department currently provides an excellent level of service to residents. Mr. Staffopoulos clarified the City of Jacksonville has the responsibility to provide medical transport for all of Duval County per the 1982 Interlocal Agreement. Ms. Nelson addressed the loss of rank by Jacksonville Beach Fire members, stated there would be 28 employees transitioning to the City of Jacksonville, seniority is addressed in the agreement. Mr. Wyse stated the seniority carryover gives current Jacksonville Beach Fire employees an advantage for future promotions. Mr. Staffopoulos clarified Jacksonville Beach Fire employees would become eligible for promotional tests as those tests become available. Ms. Nelson clarified there would be no reduction in pay for the loss of one or two ranks from the transition as the employee would receive supplemental pay, and there would be no increase in pay until either the Jacksonville pay scale is increased or the individual is promoted. Mr. Wyse stated Jacksonville Fire Rescue employees are set to receive a seven percent increase on October 1, 2019.

The workshop adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date:

5/20/19

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