

**MINUTES**  
**JOINT FAIRVIEW/TROUTDALE/WOOD VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**FAIRVIEW CITY HALL**  
**1300 NE VILLAGE STREET**  
**FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024**

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**August 20, 2003 -- 5:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/  
ROLL CALL**

City of Fairview Mayor Weatherby called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Weatherby  
FAIRVIEW Councilor Sherry Lillard  
Councilor Steve Owen  
Councilor Len Edwards  
Councilor James Raze  
Councilor Jim Trees

WOOD VILLAGE: Mayor Dave Fuller  
Councilor Clay Moore  
Councilor Beverly Stone

TROUTDALE: Mayor Paul Thalhofer  
Councilor Doug Daoust  
Councilor Norm Thomas  
Councilor Chris Gorsek  
Councilor Dave Ripma

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Jo Briggs, Fairview City Administrator  
Sheila Ritz, Wood Village City Administrator  
Caren Huson, Fairview City Recorder

**II. DISCUSSION**  
**Regional Fire and**  
**Emergency Services**  
**Feasibility Study**

Jack Snook, Consultant, provided a brief history of his company and stated that they were the third largest emergency services consulting group in the United States, located in Wilsonville, Oregon. They have prepared 50-60 emergency services studies. Mr. Snook commented that they will look at governance of the four-city area as it relates to fire protection, review long-term stability and funding for emergency services, and look at available options. The cities of Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village are primary stakeholders and it was very important that they receive input from the three cities.

Mayor Weatherby commented that, hopefully, the Fire Feasibility Study will provide data for more economic and efficient services. Councilor Moore stated that Gresham was the largest partner city, and if fire services were shifted into a Fire District, it would free up more general fund monies; however, no one is ready to say that a Fire District is the answer. Mayor Fuller asked if the primary issue of the study was to place the three smaller cities in a Fire District and

determine how to finance that. Mr. Snook responded no; they would look at all options, analyze the options (pros and cons), and provide fiscal ramifications. In addition, they would try to project costs of various models. Councilor Moore stated that Gresham's financial situation was the motivator behind the study. Councilor Gorsek commented that a good model for Troutdale would be one where Gresham wasn't involved. Mayor Fuller mentioned that before any of the three cities would join with District 10, that a lot of problems would have to be solved first. Mayor Fuller stated that Gresham was in the process of preparing an operational strategic plan and do not even know what they are going to project in terms of employees and equipment, so how will Mr. Snook project out the costs for Gresham Fire Service if Gresham doesn't know. Mr. Snook responded that costs would be projected based on history and current trends. Mayor Fuller questioned if volunteer firefighters would be reviewed in order to supplement the adding of additional Fire personnel. Mr. Snook responded that he was not sure if the study will include that.

Councilor Raze stated that the Personnel Employee Retirement System (PERS) was a killer for all cities, and asked if a new Fire Service entity was formed, could PERS be eliminated for that group. Mr. Snook responded that a transfer of employees would probably occur, and he did not know if their benefits could be eliminated due to contracts, etc. Mayor Fuller suggested that the study look at alternate shifts for Fire personnel. Mr. Snook responded that there are some employment alternatives which could translate into savings. Councilor Daoust stated that he would like to see alternatives with costs broken down for each city; also, possible areas of expansion and annexations need to be taken into consideration.

Councilor Gorsek asked if there will be a projection of any change in the Bureau of Emergency Communications or a proposal to change dispatchers. Mr. Snook responded that he thought the State mandated one dispatcher per County. Councilor Gorsek asked if the consultant would hold another meeting with the group tonight before the final draft is provided. Mr. Snook responded that they will provide a draft for review and comment, and any meetings would be determined by the Project Team. Councilor Lillard questioned if the study would look into earthquakes and response of services if the bridges in Portland were out. Mr. Snook responded that they will do as much as they can within the scope of services.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Raze moved and Councilor Owen seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Weatherby adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.

AYES: 14  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

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Mayor Mike Weatherby

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Dated:

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Caren C. Huson Quiniones  
City Recorder