

MINUTES OF THE JOINT CITY OF WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL AND TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009, 6:00 P.M., AT TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING CENTER LOCATED AT 12400 S.W. TONQUIN ROAD, SHERWOOD, OREGON.

CALL TO ORDER

President Wyffels called the joint meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

City of West Linn: Mayor Patty Galle, Scott Burgess, Jody Carson, Chris Jordan, Alice Richmond

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue: President Robert Wyffels, Clark Balfour, Brian Clopton, Carol Gearin, Larry Goff

Others present: Assistant Chief Mike Duyck, Sherri Camarillo, Jeff Cooper, Debra Guzman, Alec Jensen, Paul LeSage, Dustin Morrow, Walt Peck, Cassandra Ulven, Gary Wells – TVF&R; Bob Blackmore – Attorney

WELCOME

President Wyffels welcomed City of West Linn officials, and said that the District is appreciative of the City's ongoing support of the District.

AC Duyck also thanked the City of West Linn for their participation to help make TVF&R successful.

OPERATIONS DEPLOYMENT

Assistant Chief Dustin Morrow reported there are three career and two volunteer fire stations that cover the West Linn area. Average response time in the West Linn area is six minutes and 40 seconds.

AC Morrow said TVF&R's water rescue team is deployed from Station 59 and coming into their busy season.

He also relayed that the District is looking at new ways to respond to certain types of calls, such as smoke alarms, more efficiently. AC Morrow said TVF&R's labor agreement allows single and two person units, which would allow the most effective resource to be dispatched, depending on the type of call.

AC Duyck added with the decrease in fire calls and increase in medical calls, it makes sense to have the quickest resource respond to the call.

OPERATIONS DEPLOYMENT
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The District has been researching the potential for having “Docs on Call”. The idea would be to have a staff of physicians on call 24/7 to work with TVF&R’s paramedics to help patients who don’t need hospitalization, but need some level of medical attention. They would be able to write prescriptions and check on the patient.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

AC Duyck reported that the District has discovered there is an opportunity for traffic management and public safety to work together, especially during peak traffic times. On June 2, 2009, Washington and Clackamas Counties will share a new computer-aided dispatch (CAD), which will go online to assist emergency responders, especially during peak times, to get to their calls quicker.

AC Duyck also reported a traffic calming study was done a few years ago with several cities, counties, and other agencies, including TVF&R. The study looked at what would be the best types of traffic calming systems for public safety. AC Duyck questioned if the City of West Linn would consider looking at putting in a newer system if an opportunity to change to a better, more fire engine friendly traffic calming system presented itself.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY
COUNCIL

Government Affairs Officer Cassandra Ulven reported the City of West Linn Public Safety Advisory Council is going smoothly. The group meets monthly and receives updates from TVF&R on the capital construction projects and operational issues happening in the West Linn community. The Council is visiting neighborhood associations and creating information sheets for the city and neighborhoods. Ms. Ulven said the council is valuable to everyone.

Mayor Galle thanked Ms. Ulven for her effort and said her professionalism and gracefulness are much appreciated.

CAPITAL BOND PROJECTS

Director of Capital Bond Projects Gary Wells reported that Station 59, West Linn Willamette, will be replaced. The District has received the necessary permits and has signed the construction contract to begin rebuilding. Most of the debris was taken to the recycling center today. The new station is due to be completed in January 2010.

Also, Station 58, Bolton, is scheduled for completion in March 2010.

CAPITAL BOND PROJECTS
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The historic Graves House will be relocated on June 10, 2009.

Director Wells said West Linn will have two new fire stations, and both stations will be built to meet the LEEDs Gold standards. He thanked city staff for their patience with TVF&R through the process. In addition to two new stations, there will also be two new apparatus.

The District also made a commitment to hold the tax rate. The District will continue to see more bonds in the future and taxpayers can expect a small increase in November.

City Manager Chris Jordan thanked TVF&R for their patience during the West Linn planning process. The City and its citizens are excited to have two new fire stations in their community.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Councilor Scott Burgess asked if TVF&R could work with City Manager Chris Jordan on the land development use process. Some of the comments listed on the applications indicate that whatever TVF&R wants is approved. Not knowing what the requirements might be, this could terminate the project. City of West Linn would like to have advance notice of what the requirements might be from TVF&R. An example would be if the project needs to be sprinkled. Council is not comfortable with the current verbiage. AC Duyck said staff will review the process and respond back to City Manager Chris Jordan.

Council President Jody Carson thanked TVF&R for their participation in West Linn, and hopes the District continues to have an active place in the community.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Wyffels thanked the City of West Linn for attending this evening's meeting and adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Secretary/Treasurer
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