



Four Cities User Board
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2023– 4:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. and ended at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Steven Marker	Fairview City Councilor
Greg Dirks	Wood Village City Manager
Bruce Nissen	Wood Village Representative

Others Present:

Nina Vetter	Gresham City Manager
Corey Falls	Gresham Deputy City Manager
Scott Lewis	Fire Chief
Jeff Hairston	Assistant Fire Chief
Ruth Thatcher	Public Safety Analyst
Katie Lowell	Recording Secretary

Agenda Items:

- Review New Format for Quarterly Response Reports
- Safety Levy Update
- Update on Potential Future of a Fire District
- Good of the order

Quarterly Reports: New reports were presented to each city. The format would move into a dashboard format that would automatically update. All reports were emailed to each City Manager for approval.

Safety Levy Update: Gresham City Council approved a Safety Levy for the May ballot. It would be \$1.50 per 1,000 assessed values. These funds would be distributed with 62.5% for police, 35% for fire and 2.5% for Homeless Services. Fire funds would be used to add 16 new positions. This would allow for 4 temporary positions to become permanent, 9 new firefighter positions and 3 DFM positions. An oversight committee comprised of community members would be implemented to ensure the funds acquired were being used as described in the voter pamphlet. If the levy does not pass the City of Gresham would have a shortfall in the budget of \$8 million. There is \$12 million of ARPA money set aside that would then possibly be used to fund Police and Fire for at least one fiscal year. City Council would need to approve how dollars are dispersed and

what steps would be taken to make up for the budget shortfall. All information pertaining to the levy and the city's financial road map can be found on the city's website.

<https://greshamoregon.gov/Safety-Levy/#Whatstheproblem>

<https://greshamoregon.gov/financial-road-map/>

Possibility of Future District: There are several departments including Parks and Fire that could potentially move to a district. Gresham City Council would decide next steps. This can be found on page 2 of the City's Road Map.

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City Manager Dirks would like to discuss at the next meeting what Wood Village, Fairview, and Troutdale need to prepare for with the expiration of their contract with Gresham ending in 2 years.

City Manager Dirks would like to work collectively with the City of Gresham to see how they can help manage frequent callers to the 911 system that may not need emergency care. Chief Lewis presented information for the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) proposal which would help with these types of calls. The MIH would be dispatched through questions from BOEC determining if emergency care vs non-emergency care is needed. They will also receive referrals from the responding crews.

The City of Wood Village is currently working on the BOEC contract and would like data from AMR to include in the proposal. Chief Lewis will provide AMR reports from the last 6 months and once Fire collects all data and drafts a proposal, a meeting with City Managers from each city will be set.

- Recording Secretary Lowell emailed reports to each City Manager.

City Manager Vetter stated that there would be discussion in the future about Fire Facilities and the possibility of a bond.

Assistant Chief Hairston was introduced. His position begins Monday May 1, 2023.

Ruth Thatcher is the new Public Safety Analyst and will be working with Police and Fire to collect data.

Next Meeting:

July 26, 2023