

RESOLUTION NO. 24-001

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Camas, Washington, authorizing the City of Camas to participate in the development of a draft plan for the formation of a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority and appointing members to a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Planning Committee.

WHEREAS, Washougal and Camas currently provide fire and emergency medical (“EMS”) services pursuant to the terms of an Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Camas and Washougal for the Formation and Operation of the Camas-Washougal Fire Department dated December 4, 2013, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Washougal and Camas are mutually interested in determining the best option for providing the most effective and efficient delivery of fire and EMS services to the community; and

WHEREAS, to fully explore which service delivery option is best for the community, Camas and Washougal engaged a study by Merina to evaluate various service delivery options; and

WHEREAS, the Merina study recommended a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority (“RFA”) as the preferred service delivery option; and

WHEREAS, to fully explore the option of an RFA, Washougal and Camas must follow the statutory provisions regarding the formation of an RFA, including a Planning Committee established pursuant to RCW 52.26.030; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Committee considers matters identified in RCW 52.26.040 and other related matters, ultimately culminating in preparation of a draft Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Plan to potentially be submitted to the voters; and

WHEREAS, RCW 56.26.030(2) provides that the Council must appoint three elected officials to represent the City on the Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, since the formation of the Camas Washougal Fire Department, Washougal and Camas have utilized a Joint Policy Advisory Committee (“JPAC”) as a primary advisory body to the respective City Councils, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, consisting of three councilmembers from each City; and

WHEREAS, appointment of the current JPAC members to the RFA Planning Committee will provide for continuity in the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Planning Committee and the development of a draft Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Plan does not commit the City to any specific action with respect to forming an RFA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMAS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

That the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and elected officials of the City to actively participate with the City of Washougal in a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Planning Committee for the development of a draft Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Plan to be presented to the Camas and Washougal city councils for possible presentation to the voters of Camas and Washougal.

SECTION II

That the Mayor or designee is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of RCW 52.26, and that the following councilmembers be appointed to the Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Planning Committee, in conformance with RCW 52.26.030(2).

1. City Councilmember Bonnie Carter
2. City Councilmember John Nohr
3. City Councilmember Marilyn Boerke

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Camas this _____ day of _____, 2024.

SIGNED: _____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

City Attorney