



Staff Report

June 21, 2022 Council Workshop Meeting

JPAC and Merina Update

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Time Estimate: 20 minutes

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BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: In 2021, The City of Camas engaged Merina & Co to conduct a partnership analysis of the ILA between Camas and Washougal that governs the Camas Washougal Fire Department. The initial report was presented to the Camas and Washougal City Councils in September, 2021. Subsequently, Merina & Co refined and completed the contracted analysis and presented their findings to the JPAC in February 2022. Additional information and clarification was requested of the consultants and their final report was presented to the JPAC on June 1st, 2022. Under the direction of the JPAC, the final iteration of the analysis was presented to the Washougal City Council during their workshop on June 13, 2022, followed by this presentation to the City of Camas Council on June 21, 2022.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?

This update is informational only and will serve as Merina & Co's review of their analysis and formal presentation of their recommendations moving forward for consideration by the Council.

What's the data? What does the data tell us?

The data is robust and voluminous and has been presented prior to both Council and the JPAC. The analysis summary defines several options for the partnership and the recommendations of Merina & Co moving forward.

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?

The analysis has been presented in public meetings, affording the opportunity for subsequent public comment.

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item?

The Camas-Washougal Fire Department and the Council of the Cities of Camas and Washougal all have opportunity to benefit from the options provided in the analysis.

How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results?

Continued dialogue between councils, JPAC, and staff will be necessary to determine and implement any of the recommendations found within the partnership analysis.

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?

Broadly, this analysis identifies avenues for future partnership and funding of the Camas Washougal Fire Department. Both cities have expressed a desire to continue the partnership in an equitable way that provides continued high level service to the communities.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the cities of Camas and Washougal continue dialogue about the partnership and opportunities for refinement in consideration of this analysis.