

WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Derek Bergsten, Fire Chief, Poudre Fire Authority

SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION

2025 Poudre Fire Authority Annual Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to review the 2025 Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) Annual Report and discuss overall organizational performance. This annual presentation to Council and the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District Board is required under the Second Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and provides an opportunity to examine current financial challenges.

GENERAL DIRECTION SOUGHT AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

1. What questions do Councilmembers and District Board members have about the Poudre Fire Authority 2025 Annual Report?
2. What feedback or curiosities do Councilmembers and District Board members have about the existing Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)?
3. Is Council willing to refer a sales tax item to the ballot?

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Chief Bergsten will provide information around the governance of the PFA to both Council and District Board members, including PFA's 2025 Annual Report. Council and the District Board will have the opportunity to review the ongoing relationship between the two entities and discuss any possible issues of concern.

The District Board and the Council have agreed, since 1981, that the benefits of establishing the PFA have been, and continue to be, successful. Efficiencies include improved fire protection, training, communications, fire suppression, vehicle maintenance, investigation and inspection programs, comprehensive station locations to handle fire problems spanning political jurisdictions, effective response to large crisis situations, and efficient use of taxpayer funding.

In 1981, the District and the City entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) providing for an independent governmental entity known as the PFA, for the purpose of providing fire protection services within the District and the City. Since 1981, the District and the City have revised the IGA three times. In 1983 to outline a funding formula, in 1987 to include the funding formula language in the IGA, in 2014 to

include Exhibit A (funding formula) and Exhibit B (Support Services Provided by the City), and in 2024 to ensure a predictable revenue stream for the PFA by sharing in the City's revenue growth/risk, and to clarify language regarding annexations from the District to the City to ensure maintained service levels. The Second Amended and Restated IGA was approved by Council and District Board members effective January 1, 2025.

Article II (2.2)(N) of the Second Amended and Restated IGA states in part, "To provide an Annual Report in the second quarter of each year regarding the activities and accomplishments of the Authority, and to present such report to the City Council and District Board at a joint meeting for the purpose of reviewing annual performance measurements and metrics, goals, actual spending to budget, benefits to the community related to strategic outcome goals, operational efficiency, productivity improvement, and issues of concern to the Authority, the District, and the City."

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. 2025 Annual Report Booklet
2. Second Amended and Restated IGA – in part
3. City/District Historical Ratio
4. PFA Annual Report Presentation