

# CITY OF STANWOOD

*City Council AND Camano Island Fire Commissioners  
Joint Workshop  
Wednesday, February 24, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.  
Stanwood Fire Station*

## MINUTES

### Call to Order

Mayor pro tem Arne Wennerberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers present: Leonard Kelley, Bill Carlton, Timothy Pearce, Arne Wennerberg, Tim Loney and Conrad Ryer.

Mayor Dianne White and Councilmember Andy Chappel were absent.

Camano Island Fire Commissioners present: Loren Murray, Pat Metz, Mike Hamel and Don Timmerman.

Commissioner Steven Lich was absent.

Staff present: City Administrator Joyce Papke, City Clerk Melissa Collins, Finance Director Crystil Collins, Fire Chief Mike Ganz, Deputy Fire Chief Darin Reid, Police Chief Ty Trenary and Board Secretary Darla Tiner.

### Discussion Item

- a. Fire & EMS Cost of Service and Financial Analysis  
Presented by FCS Group

City Administrator Joyce Papke opened the meeting by introducing Peter Moy, Principal with FCS Group and provided a background of the company.

Peter Moy provided a PowerPoint presentation and shared the study goals:

- Identify the full cost to the City for fire and EMS.
- Identify the full cost to the District for providing the contracted fire and EMS services to the City.
- Identify the cost to the District if the District provides all fire and EMS services for the City.
- Identify any potential cost differences based on District changes in providing fire and EMS services to the City.
- Estimate the revenues and expenditures if the City annexed into the District or if the two jurisdictions formed a regional fire authority.

Mr. Moy provided five cost scenarios to the Council and Commissioners and summarized with conclusions based on his draft financial analysis:

- The District's cost of service is \$224,861 higher than the City Fire Department budget without including District overhead and Station 3 medic costs, but the full District costs is \$767,474 more than the full City costs when overhead and Station 3 cots are included.
- A contract for full services from the District (excluding overhead and Station 3 costs) is \$246,017 more than the City's 2010 fire budget. The higher net cost is related to the differences between City and District salaries and benefits, the full cost of the medic Unit, and an additional \$141,000 in ambulance revenue for the District.
- If the District reconfigures fire and EMS service delivery for the City, the operating cost savings is \$83,493 compared to full District contracting.
- If the City paid the District \$1,640,975 for a full contract based on its cost savings, the District would still have an operating deficit of \$193,150 excluding the costs of District overhead and Station 3 transports. (The District's net cash from this arrangement would be an increase of \$17,212.)
- Regarding either of the two other organizational alternatives (annexation or regional fire authority) the City's property tax base is not sufficient to pay for the full cost of its share of the services at the current service levels.

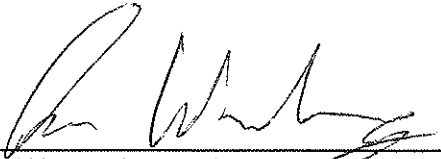
A discussion ensued amongst the City Council, Fire Commissioners, staff and Mr. Moy.

Mayor pro tem Wennerberg opened the meeting up for public comment and/or questions.

There being no public comment and/or questions, Mayor pro tem Wennerberg adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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ATTEST:

  
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Arne Wennerberg, Mayor pro tem

  
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Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk