



## City of Goodyear

### Meeting Minutes

#### City Council Work Session

Mayor Georgia Lord  
Vice Mayor Sheri Lauritano  
Councilmember Joanne Osborne  
Councilmember Joe Pizzillo  
Councilmember Wally Campbell  
Councilmember Bill Stipp  
Councilmember Sharolyn Hohman

Meeting Location:  
Goodyear Justice Center  
14455 W. Van Buren St.,  
Suite B101  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

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Monday, February 29, 2016

5:30 PM

Goodyear Justice Center

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#### Immediately following the Special Meeting that begins at 5:00 PM

#### 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Work Session to order at 5:46 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Lauritano, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman

Councilmember Stipp participated by telephone.

Staff Present: City Manager Brian Dalke, City Attorney Roric Massey, and City Clerk Maureen Scott

#### 3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 3.1 [16-5737wsa](#) Council will receive an update on fire triggers and thresholds, fire service currently being provided in high growth areas of Goodyear, and available resources for new fire station construction.

Fire Chief Paul Luizzi reviewed the response time triggers and thresholds:

\*If total response time is greater than 8 minutes, 30% of the time

AND

\*The proposed (residential) development is greater than 6 miles away from a current station

AND

\*500 calls for service annually in the area

#### Fire Service Delivery in Growth Area

##### **Estrella**

\*In the mid 1990's the Goodyear Fire Department provided fire and emergency services to Estrella from a temporary awning. There was a single fire engine on site that was manned by

volunteers.

\*To better meet the demands for service in the area, a permanent Fire Station 182, was constructed in 2002-2003. Station 182 responded to 756 incidents in 2015. Average response time was 6:42.

#### **Fire Station 182 in Estrella**

Estrella-South of Ray Rd. Alignment/Calistoga Dr.

\*Average response time is 8:19, 58% of calls more than 8 minutes

\*Area is 4.0-5.1 miles from the current station

\*147 calls annually

>Call volume increased by 34% from 2014 to 2015, 24% average over last 5 years

\*Only one trigger met (response times)

#### **Buckeye Valley Fire District to Goodyear**

\*Responded to 24 calls within Goodyear

\*Response time was 9:58

#### **West Goodyear**

\*Average response time by Engine 184 to this area is 6:53, 13% of calls more than 8 min.

\*Area is between 2.0 and 4.9 miles from the nearest station (Fire Station 184)

\*386 calls annually in 2015

>43% increase in past calendar year

\*Currently, no triggers met

#### **Current Fire Response for Goodyear Fire Stations**

\*Fire Station 181 (Yuma/Camino Oro) 2,475 Total number of calls in 2015; 6.78-Average calls per day; average response time-5:28

\*Fire Station 182 (Estrella Mountain Ranch) 756 Total number of calls in 2015; 2.07 Average calls per day; Average response time-6:42

\*Fire Station 183 (Goodyear Community Park) 2,025 Total number of calls in 2015; 5.55 Average calls per day; Average response time-5:50

\*Fire Station 184 (Yuma/Village) 2,026 Total number of calls in 2015; 5.55 Average calls per day; Average response time-5:53

\*Fire Station 185 (PebbleCreek) 1,503 Total number of calls in 2015; 4.12-Average calls per day; average response time-6:07

\*Fire Station 187 (Mobile) 45 Total number of calls in 2015; 0.12-Average calls per day; average response time-9:39

Finance Director Larry Lange reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for future planned projects:

\*Fire Station-Harrison and Citrus FY22-\$4,020,000

\*Fire Station-Willis and Rainbow Valley Rd. FY22-3,000,000; FY23-\$1,020,000

\*Fire Apparatus-FY23 \$820,500; FY24 \$820,000

#### **Fire Capital Funds on Hand-January 2016**

Impact Fee-2012 Fee-\$1,340,000-Estrella and West Goodyear

Impact Fee-North and Central-\$400,000-West Goodyear

Impact Fee-South-\$210,000-Estrella

Developer Contribution-Agreement-\$660,000-Estrella

### **Findings**

\*There are no growth areas that currently meet all three triggers

### **Recommended Next Steps**

\*Staff recommends a new Fire Station location study for the entire city

\*Staff recommends continuing to monitor fire response and triggers as growth continues to occur

### **Council Comments and Questions**

\*Is it necessary to have another study done? Aren't there current plans where fire stations should be located? If we do a study now and then a year later hot spots occur in different areas, then the trigger areas will change. Density and time is more important.

\*Concerned about the 386 calls in West Goodyear.

\*Would like staff to continue to work with developers to form a partnership and help with costs.

\*Triggers are more important where the calls are happening.

\*Need to figure out where to place the fire stations in the best locations.

\*We want to make sure we cover our city the best we can. The city is the priority.

\*We need to make sure we are on the same page with our development partners.

\*Could we include public safety with the fire study? City Manager Brian Dalke said that the study is recommended for only fire station locations. A police study was done in 2008. That can certainly be done and we would need to look at the costs.

\*There can be redundancy under mutual aid when answering a second call while the first call is out.

\*The Community Paramedicine Program and ambulance medical calls, along with grant data, could tie into helping obtain information. The city is currently working on the Community Paramedicine grant, but it is too early to know how it will impact our city at this time. Luizzi said they are hopeful that the grant that was submitted will produce good data. There was a feasibility study done on the ambulance, which we could also review with the fire study.

\*Need to have a plan in place as we grow.

\*Fire stations don't magically appear in six months.

\*How long does a call take? Luizzi said about 30-40 minutes from start to finish. This is identified in the UHU (Unit Hour Utilization) Report. When fire personnel are not on a call, they are training, exercising, doing inspections, and report writing. These areas are important as the city moves towards accreditation. Fire Station 183 serves Litchfield Park.

\*Very concerned about the 8 minute response time south of Ray Road; half the calls are taking more than 8 minutes. These are critical life saving situations. The triggers and thresholds are most important.

\*Need to reassess the 2008 study.

\*It is critical that we have police coverage in these areas, and it needs to be part of the conversation.

\*How about possibly teaming police and EMS together instead of having a full apparatus

structure? Need to look at all options.

\*What about a city/county facility? There are quite a few county islands in Goodyear.

\*What about a Goodyear/Buckeye relationship? We need to look at other ways of accomplishing this.

\*What do we hope to accomplish with the study? Luizzi said the goals are to establish proper locations for stations, to establish the proper response in trigger and thresholds for construction of new stations. We should be using our current response times goals, benchmarks and baselines. We would like to establish a best practice for the city.

\*In the Late 90's and early 2000, there were pre-established fire station locations planned around the city based on existing development. In 2008, the masterplan was done and fire stations were reaffirmed with that plan. Based on projected growth, why is another study necessary? The triggers and thresholds are what is in question along with the costs of the stations. Luizzi said that he wants to confirm that they are still in the right location because things have really changed since 2008.

\*Afraid of redoing this study to confirm what has already been done.

\*Police support is definitely a priority.

\*The study could cost \$65,000 with police.

\*Should we use the money for something else?

\*The costs we are using for the stations seem kind of high.

\*The Sonoran Valley Masterplan with the two person pioneer company at Station 187 has an effect on the automatic aid agreement. It makes it worse when four people need to be brought in from another station anyway.

\*A four member team is better at life saving situations than a two member team.

\*Would like to know how many life threatening calls are falling outside the five minute threshold.

Finance Director Larry Lange said there are ways we can finance and pay it back with impact fees. There is \$17M in GO bonding that voters approved. Instead of levying property tax to pay it back, you could use impact fees to pay it back for debt service. It doesn't address the on-going fees.

\*Not as concerned with the capital. There is a concern with the on-going operating costs which is the challenge. Luizzi said that total man power for a station is 14. There are 4 persons per shift. It takes 18 months to get a firefighter through the selection and training process. There is a two person crew in Mobile. The two person crew works in that environment, but doesn't necessarily work in a suburban environment.

\*Safety is most important.

\*Conversations with other cities might help to form partnerships.

\*Automatic Aid sometimes does impact response times.

\*Most of Council agreed to have another study done.

Mayor Lord reviewed:

\*Triggers are extremely important

\*Asked for finite statistics - we need to find a balance on the information

\*There will be public criticism

\*Manpower costs money

\*Very difficult situation to make decisions on

Dalke said it sounds like there is enough interest to proceed with the study to include:

- \*Fire Station locations
- \*Triggers and thresholds
- \*How it impacts future fire stations
- \*We will include the police element too
- \*Will continue to work with the development community

The city is currently working on the Community Paramedicine grant and it is too early to know how it will impact our city at this time.

**4. INFORMATION**

None.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Work Session at 7:09 p.m.

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Maureen Scott, City Clerk

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Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_