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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk

THROUGH: Liz Lyke, Chair, Assembly Regional Emergency Services Advisory Committee (RESAC)

FROM: Gina Gregg, Research Assistant

DATE: February 1, 2021

SUBJECT: **ACTION OF THE JANUARY 27, 2021 ASSEMBLY REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RESAC) MEETING**

Convened at 6:00 p.m./Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Members Present

Tyler Bones
Lee Hazen

Kyle Carrington
Robert Grove (Arr. 6:29 p.m.)

Daniel Johnson
David Rockney

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
David Gibbs, Emergency Operations Director

Others Present:

Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Annmarie Billingsley, Assistant Borough Attorney

CITIZEN COMMENTS - COMMENTS LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY. EACH PERSON'S COMMENTS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES. (COMMENT TIME LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES TOTAL)

Tod Chambers, resident of the borough and City of Fairbanks Fire Chief, requested open and transparent planning with fire departments regarding possible annexations.



PRESENTATION / REPORTS

Presentation by the Administration about annexing parcels located approximately south of Van Horn Road, and east of Peger Road to the boundary with Fort Wainwright, into the University Fire Service Area. The area under consideration for annexation also includes Lakeview Terrace, Tanana Lakes Recreation Area, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough Landfill.

-David Gibbs, Emergency Operations Director, provided a report.

Presentation on expanding fire protection powers to include a specific level of emergency medical service.

-Mayor Ward provided a report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible adoption of standards to be used by the RESAC to define "more accessible fire protection services" when considering the transfer of parcels from one fire service area to another.

-Tyler Bones provided a report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – CONTINUED. COMMENTS LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY. EACH PERSON'S COMMENTS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES. (COMMENT TIME LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES TOTAL)

Scott Learned, resident of the borough and Steese Area Volunteer Fire Cheif, spoke in support of expanding fire protection powers and a better definition of more accessible fire protections.

Dave Nebert, resident of the borough and Steese Fire Service Area Commissioner, agreed with the committee regarding issues and concerns from responders with patchwork of protection areas.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Grove raised funding concerns if Mill Rate elections fail.

Ms. Wilson requested more information regarding fire responses to locations outside of a service area.

Mr. Hazen commented that funding for services should not be provided based on what people will pay for emergency services.

Mr. Bones commented that many businesses do not know if they are in a Fire Service Area.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS – continued

Mr. Grove opposed subscription fire departments.

Ms. Lyke thanked the committee and commented the committee is moving in a good direction.

MEETING SCHEDULE

-The next RESAC meeting is Wednesday, March 24, 2021.