City Council Agenda Bill

20066
Bill Number

Subject: Pacific Hwy/Aldrich Annexation Mitigation Agreement with Fire District 8

Summary Statement: City of Bellingham administration, through the Bellingham Fire Department, has been discussing with Fire District 8 the transfer of Fire and EMS service responsibility and financial impacts related to the Pacific Highway/Aldridge Road Annexation. Currently, the annexed area is included in a joint response area under an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Operation and Service (COB Contract # 2011-0392), which means that both the City and Fire District 8 currently respond, on an automatic basis, to the area. In order to continue this level of service to the annexed area and to lessen the financial impact on District 8, City administration proposes an interlocal agreement with District 8 whereby District 8 will be obligated to continue to provide automatic aid to the area. In exchange, the City will pay to District 8 for a period of 3 years the tax revenue that it receives from the annexed area which is equivalent to the tax that District 8 would have received from the area. The City administration seeks direction from the Council to present an interlocal agreement for Council approval at the next City Council meeting, following approval by District 8 commission.

Previous Council Action: 2010 Automatic Aid Agreement with Fire District 8, July 15, 2013 approval of Pacific Highway-Aldrich Road annexation; effective July 30, 2013

Fiscal Impact: $23,292.00 paid annually for 3 years.

Funding Source: General Fund

Attachments:

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Council Direction Requested	05-Aug-2013	Provide Direction to Staff	Roger Christensen	.10

Council Committee:
Public Works / Public Safety
Stan Snapp, Chair
Terry Bornemann; Gene Knutson

Committee Actions:

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Council Action: