

# Proposal for Fire Service Special Committee (Updated 10/24/20)

## Fire Service Special Committee

- I. Makeup of the Committee
  - a. Councilman Mike Lesser
  - b. Councilwoman Sylvia Ortiz
  - c. Councilwoman Christine Valdivia-Alcala
  - d. Fire Chief Duke
  - e. Deputy Chief of Operations Ty Christian
  - f. Two Firefighters chosen by local firefighter union
  - g. County Emergency Management Representative
  - h. Local citizen, Sandra Clear
  - i. Local citizen, Pablo Martinez
  - j. Local citizen, David King
  - k. Local citizen, Tony Blancas
  - l. Local citizen, (CM Valdivia-Alcala addition)

Select a chair from the Council Members and add committee members if desired by the committee.

- II. Purpose of Fire Service Committee
  - a. The charge of the committee is to study the current provision of fire service in our community and determine the appropriate level and type of fire service for Topeka for the future. Final report to the Governing Body no later than April 6, 2021.
- III. Proposed Process for Committee
  - a. The first meeting actions will be to elect a chair, review the charge of the committee and make any changes as desired. The first meeting will also consist of an explanation of what we currently have for assets and personnel. We will review current operations and review the current capital and operating budgets for provision of this service.
  - b. The committee will be provided copies of all past studies done on the provision of fire service in the City of Topeka
  - c. The next step will be to conduct a review of each of the past studies done on the provision of fire service in Topeka
  - d. Presentation from AMR regarding ambulance service in Topeka
  - e. We will look at defining what is most important in fire service for Topeka
    - i. Prevention vs. Suppression
    - ii. Medical Calls versus Fire Calls
    - iii. Basic Life Support versus Advance Life Support for medical calls
    - iv. Alternative vehicle types for medical calls
    - v. Response time targets
- IV. Budget Components
  - a. Fire Stations
  - b. Fire Trucks and Equipment
  - c. Personnel (salary, benefits, training, personal gear)
- V. What is the future of fire service across the United States look like and what does recruitment of fire fighters look like for the future
- VI. Develop options for consideration by Committee and deliberate on them

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- VII. Make a recommendations to the Governing Body that include considerations of a constrained budget that might require the recommendation to be executed at the current budget level.