



AGENDA

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations Monday, May 02, 2011 – 6:45 p.m. 10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall

Councilmember Tina Houghton, Chair
Councilmember Jessica Yorko, Vice Chair
Councilmember Carol Wood, Member

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items**
- 5. Discussion/Action:**
 - A. Resolution- Authorizing submission of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for shared regional fire services
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**
- 8. Pending**

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Virg Bernero, Mayor

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From the 4-25-11 Council Meeting Packet
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

TO: City Council President A'Lynne Robinson and Council Members
FROM: Mayor Virg Bernero
DATE: April 20, 2011
RE: Resolution—Authorizing Submission of a Request for Proposals—Shared
Regional Fire Services

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your review and appropriate action.

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Attachment



Virg Bernero, Mayor

City of Lansing
Inter-Departmental
Memorandum



To: Virg Bernero, Mayor

From: Jerry Ambrose

Subject: CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM - Submission of Request for Proposals for Regional Fire Services

Date: April 20, 2011

Please forward this resolution to City Council for placement on the Agenda.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please give me a call.

Attachments

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CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
FOUNDATION'S SHARED PUBLIC SERVICES INITIATIVE

April 19, 2011

WHEREAS, In an effort to assist local governments to access resources needed to develop and implement shared public services, the Michigan Municipal League Foundation (MMLF) is offering the Shared Public Services Initiative (SPSI); and

WHEREAS, the SPSI includes technical services, such as facilitation, business case analysis and implementation planning, a funding source for up to 50% of the cost of the technical services, as well as a statewide catalog of shared public services that can be purchased or utilized by local governments; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing, and the Charter Townships of Delhi, Delta, Lansing and Meridian have been meeting to explore a wide range of service sharing options from collaboration to regionalization of fire services; and

WHEREAS, the overarching objectives of this consortium of fire departments and communities are to provide for public safety, to focus on response times by qualified fire personnel, to maintain or improve service levels by maximizing resources and to potentially realize both short and long-term cost savings; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this regional consortium finds merit in jointly generating a "Request for Proposal" for the purpose of hiring an experienced, fire service consultant to assess the feasibility of a full-merger, partial-merger or mutually beneficial cooperative agreement among jurisdictions. The estimated cost for this study is expected to approach or exceed \$100,000.00 and \$50,000.00 in financial assistance is being requested of the MMLF to offset this expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lansing hereby authorizes the Mayor to co-sign a Request for Proposal for Shared Public Services Initiative Funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a signed copy of this resolution shall be made available to the Michigan Municipal League Foundation, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Michigan legislators representing the consortium communities, and the Governor of Michigan.

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Virg Bernero, Mayor

Memo To: Virg Bernero, Mayor

Date: April 19, 2011

From: Jerry Ambrose, Chief of Staff

Re: Proposed Regional Sharing of Fire Services

In an effort to improve organization of Fire services in the region, representatives of the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing, and the Charter Townships of Delhi, Delta, Lansing and Meridian have been meeting to explore a range of service sharing options. Joining this regional consortium would yield several benefits, as this collaborative effort has the potential to save money and resources, while improving average response times to emergencies.

To help implement these cooperative efforts, the consortium will need to seek grant funding. The Michigan Municipal League Foundation (MMLF) is offering the Shared Public Services Initiative (SPSI), which includes a funding source of up to 50 percent of the service costs. The consortium recommends generating a "Request for Proposal" to hire a fire service consultant to assess the feasibility of a full-merger, partial-merger or mutually beneficial cooperative agreement among jurisdictions. Approximately half of the cost of this consultant would be sought by the MMLF. The attached resolution authorizes you to co-sign a joint Request for Proposals on behalf of the City.

This proposal is fully supported by Lansing Fire Chief Tom Cochran and IAFF President Bryan Epling. We respectfully submit the attached resolution for review by the Lansing City Council at their earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.