

RESOLUTION NO. 63-23

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GRAND JUNCTION FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CLIFTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COOPERATIVE SERVICES STUDY AND MAKING FINDINGS AND RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN IN CONNECTION THEREWITH INCLUDING DECLINING A COOPERATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT

Recitals:

The Grand Junction Fire Department ("Department") and the Clifton Fire Protection District ("District") have worked together for many years to provide emergency services to overlapping geographical areas of the City and the District. The City and the District have provided mutual aid as necessary in support of each agency's emergency response efforts to discharge their respective missions. The relationship has worked well; however, there has been an open question of whether by, with and through a cooperative services agreement ("Agreement") it could be better.

To answer that question the City and the District contracted AP Triton Consulting to perform an initial review of the feasibility of the Department and the District formalizing services and interactions with an Agreement. Following completion of the initial assessment the City performed a detailed assessment of the District, and if it could be integrated into the Department. That detailed assessment was performed by a multi-disciplinary City team.

Upon completion of the City's assessment, the review team, for several reasons which are presented in the team's report a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth, recommended against pursuing an Agreement between the Department and the District.

The recommendation was presented to, and discussed with, the City Council at its July 17, 2023, work session. The recommendation was presented to, and discussed with, the District Board at the Board's July 19, 2023, meeting.

Notwithstanding that the Department and the District will not be entering into a cooperative services agreement or otherwise consolidating, the two agencies will continue to work together through mutual and automatic aid agreements to provide fire, emergency medical and other public safety services to the communities that they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO THAT:

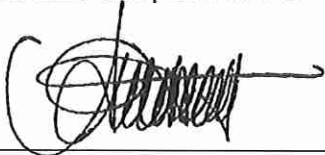
The City Council finds that the detailed assessment of the District as presented and previously considered by the City Council is complete, comprehensive, and thorough and fully addresses and resolves the matter of the City and the District possibly entering into a cooperative services agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO THAT:

The City Council supports and confirms the recommendation made by the City staff that the Grand Junction Fire Department not pursue a cooperative services agreement or otherwise consolidate with the Clifton Fire Protection District.

In support of these determinations the City Council does ratify all actions heretofore taken in connection herewith. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of August, 2023.



Anna M. Stout
President of the City Council



ATTEST:



Amy Phillips
City Clerk