History of the Nampa Fire Protection District and its Purpose

- The Nampa Rural Fire Protection Association was originally organized and incorporated on May 11, 1934 by the Countrymen's Club, chaired by Carl F. Chase for the express purpose of providing fire protection to the rural community around the City of Nampa in partnership with the City Fire Department.
- The Nampa Fire Protection District was officially recognized by the County and the State on July 24th, 1974. The District was created in accordance with Idaho Code 31 Chapter 14, The Fire Protection District Law.
- Since its inception, the Nampa Fire Protection District and the City of Nampa have been in a cooperative relationship to provide funding for capital needs and to assist with the overall Fire Department budget.
- The Nampa Fire Protection District is a local governing entity controlled by a board of elected citizen commissioners with a specific purpose of providing fire protection and life safety services.

How is the Nampa Fire Protection District Funded?

- The Nampa Fire Protection District is funded the same as the City of Nampa. Property tax assessment and levy is the main funding source. The second major source of funding is the Sales Tax Distribution from the State of Idaho.
- The City of Nampa has instituted Impact Fees that are designed to specifically address capital needs due to growth for the Fire Department. As a Fire District there are other revenue sources that are available through Intergovernmental agreements.

Why are the City of Nampa & the Nampa Fire Protection District considering consolidation?

- In the Fall/Winter of 2015/2016, a Master Plan study was undertaken by the Nampa Fire Department. That study recommended the City of Nampa and the Nampa Fire Protection District consider consolidation as a means by which the City and the Fire District can provide the same level of service at an equivalent or reduced cost.
- The City of Nampa and the Nampa Fire Protection District have formed an Ad Hoc Committee to study whether consolidation would provide the community with the most efficient and cost effective fire service.
- The City of Nampa and the Nampa Fire Protection District jointly fund the fire department budget and cooperate together to provide fire protection services.

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- Due to competing demands for services and needs of other City departments, the City of Nampa has had difficulty funding the capital needs of the Fire Department. Both the City of Nampa and Fire Department Administration agree on this important point.
- The Nampa Fire Protection District has demonstrated its ability to fund the capital needs and entirely fund the Fire Department Budget and Operations through a consolidation.
- Based on the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation, the final vote for consolidation will be put forth to the elected City Council members and the elected Fire District Commissioners. This is pursuant with Idaho State Code 31-1429.

Will there be a change in Nampa's Fire Service?

- The Nampa Fire Protection District would provide the same service, with the same firefighters, the same fire engines, the same equipment and responding from the same fire stations that currently are in place.
- The Nampa Fire Protection District would continue to be Nampa's Fire Department.

Positives of the Nampa Fire Protection District.

- The ability of the Nampa Fire Protection District to adequately fund the Nampa Fire Department operations including the capital needs of the fire department through dedicated funds.
- As a Fire District, elected commissioners have no competing demands for service. Fire District property taxes and other revenue are dedicated to fire and life safety services in the community.
- The Fire District could save year end budget surplus to support capital improvements for the department. Currently budget surplus must be returned to the City of Nampa general fund at year end.
- Through consolidation, the City of Nampa would have the ability to reduce their general fund budget by the amount they have been funding the Fire Department, thereby reducing their tax levy. In addition, the Nampa Fire Protection District would be able to reduce its tax levy and burden on the taxpayers through an increased tax base.
- The City of Nampa would not have to consider whether to fund the construction of a new fire station, the purchase of a new fire engine and the hiring of additional firefighters when funds are limited. This makes one less competing demand for City tax dollars.
- The Nampa Fire Protection District provides clear vision in the cost of fire and life safety protection to the tax payers.

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What = Consolidation of the City of Nampa Fire department with the Nampa Fire Protection District

Who = City of Nampa, Nampa Fire Protection District, Nampa Fire Department

Where = Ad-Hoc Committee meeting Nampa Fire Training Center.

When = March 16th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Why = Ongoing Feasibility study to determine recommendation for Nampa City Council on consolidation.

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