



City Council Hosts Special Work Session with Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District

Public Meeting Set for Monday, November 12 at 5pm in Centennial Hall

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-November 6, 2018-The Steamboat Springs City Council will host a special work session with members of the Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District ([SSAFPD](#)) concerning the proposed Fire District Election and Fire Funding Offset discussion. The meeting is scheduled for the evening of Monday, November 12, starting at 5pm, in Centennial Hall.

The city and SSAFPD, as partners in providing Fire/EMS, are interested in asking voters in the City of Steamboat Springs if they will agree to be included in the district, thus providing consistent funding through a property tax across the Steamboat Springs area (city and district). The proposed ballot question is currently scheduled for May, 2019.

The purpose of the proposed ballot question is to address the longer-term Fire/EMS staffing, infrastructure and funding needs. With increasing demand, there is a need for additional staff and a new central fire station to provide a better response in the downtown and west areas of Steamboat Springs, while strengthening the overall capability to respond to all emergencies.

The work session will focus on the discussion associated with the Fire District Election and how the previously allocated funds, an estimated \$1.86 million, should be directed to address the city's ongoing fiscal sustainability concerns.

As with all work sessions, packet materials will be posted to steamboatsprings.net/agendas prior to the meeting and staff will provide information to help council and the district discuss the matter and determine a direction forward. At this time, the meeting is anticipated to be carried on TV-6 and may be available via live stream.

Additional information is available including the [SSFR Strategic Plan](#), [SSFR Present, 2019 Election and Potential Future FAQ](#), [SSAFPD Governance](#) and [video from the Oct. 15 public meeting](#). Past council meetings covering this topic can be found on the city's website under [key work session topics](#).

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