



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 20, 2021
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Dave Perrault, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Lake Johanna Fire Department JPA Discussion

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
N/A	N/A	N/A

For Council Consideration

Council may provide further direction on the formation of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the future Lake Johanna Fire Department (LJFD) Headquarters.

Background

The cities of Arden Hills, North Oaks and Shoreview and the LJFD have been working over the past two years on planning for a new headquarters station to be located on Pine Tree Drive in Arden Hills. Last August, the City Council entered into an agreement that would set the terms for a future JPA between the cities, and authorized the LJFD to purchase the land for a future station. Attachment A is the memo and agreements that were approved last August, these should provide additional background on the project.

As the Cities and fire department are seeking different financing sources for a new station, the cities will need to enter into a JPA to have the authority and flexibility to pursue different funding options, such as, issuing bonds. A draft JPA has been provided as Attachment B; it is worth noting that most of the provisions in the JPA are identical to the agreement that was approved last year. A couple of items worth noting, the JPA would be officially formed when the fire department transfers the land to the JPA and the voting structure would require 4/5ths for any action (the votes would be Shoreview 3 members, Arden Hills 1 member, and North Oaks 1 member). The approval of the JPA would happen ideally by all three cities prior to October 15th.

It is worth noting the intent of entering into the JPA is to explore different financing options for the station, this does not bind the cities into a construction timeline or action (currently, the date for construction is no later than June 30, 2026, unless an alternative date is unanimously agreed upon by all three cities).

The City Attorney has reviewed this draft JPA and is comfortable with the document. If Council is supportive of the document, Staff will bring this forward at the next Council meeting for approval under consent.

Budget Impact

N/A

Attachment

Attachment A: 2020 Memo and Agreements for Future LJFD Station

Attachment B: Draft JPA for Future LJFD Station