



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT Public Safety Committee

Date: *May 23, 2016*

Agenda Item # 3:

4:15 PM Staff briefing, invited testimony, and policy discussion regarding consolidating Emergency Service District (ESD) 4 into the Austin Fire Department.

(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Don Zimmerman, CO 1: Council Member Ora Houston).

Vote

The Public Safety Committee moves to direct AFD, including the Austin Firefighters Association, the Austin African American Firefighters Association, ESD4 along with its Commissioners, staff, unions and associations regarding ESD4 consolidation and auto-aid agreement, to report back to the Committee with an update given in memo format within the time period of the FY2016 budget discussions. The update should include an analysis by ESD4 on how this would affect diversity. Motion made by Council Member Pool, seconded by Council Member Casar, motion carried 4/0.

Sponsors/Department: *Council Member Don Zimmerman, CO 1: Council Member Ora Houston /Austin Fire Department*

Summary of Discussion: *Discussed whether or not to move forward with an auto-aid agreement between AFD and ESD4. City of Austin annexations affect county areas and it reduces the tax base that ESDs receive. Public Safety Committee Members would like to hear how things have gone with an update given in memo format. The update should include analysis from ESD4 of how it will affect diversity.*

Public Comments

David Bailey, Chief of ESD4 – For

Andrew Garcia, ESD4 Firefighters Union – For

Darren Hyson, Austin African-American Firefighters Association – Against

Peter Torensen, ESD4 Commissioner – For

Bob Nicks, AFD Union President – Neutral; agrees that now is the time to discuss this option; however more study must be done before making a decision.

Kevin McDonald, Neutral

Direction: *See Vote above.*

Recommendation: *See Vote above.*