

RESOLUTION R-5413

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ACCEPTING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP REPORT AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RETURN TO THE COUNCIL WITH TWO ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PLACE TWO MEASURES ON THE BALLOT.

1 WHEREAS, In 2011, the City Council ("Council") engaged
2 the services of Emergency Services Consulting International
3 ("ESCI") to
4 conduct an organizational review of the Fire Department of the
5 City of
6 Kirkland ("City"). Since 2012, Fire Department staff has worked
7 with
8 other City departments and the City Manager's Office to
9 implement
10 certain ESCI recommendations, including through the budget
11 process, and
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13 WHEREAS, On February 19, 2019, the Council adopted the
14 2019- 2020 City Work Program which ranked "exploring a
15 potential ballot measure in 2020 to fund Fire Station
16 modernization and enhanced operations to further the goal of
17 Public Safety" as its number one priority, and
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19 WHEREAS, On September 17, 2019 the Council adopted
20 Resolution R-5386 authorizing the City Manager to engage a
21 Community Safety Advisory Group ("ComSAG") to meet for the
22 duration of October 2019 through February 2020 to recommend
23 to the Council ballot measure options on investments and
24 financing, and
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26 WHEREAS, The ComSAG recommends placing two
27 measures on the November 2020 ballot, and
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29 WHEREAS, The first measure consists of a 30-year excess
30 levy to fund the cost of relocating and building a new fire station
31 27 near Totem Lake, building a new training center near fire
32 station 24, providing seismic and other renovations to fire stations
33 21 in Forbes Creek, 22 in Houghton, and 26 in north Rose Hill to
34 improve firefighter health and safety, and purchasing a second
35 ladder truck, and
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37 WHEREAS, The second measure consists of a permanent
38 levy lid lift to fund the hiring of twenty-four new firefighter/EMTs
39 to provide a dedicated aid car at fire station 22 in Houghton, fully
40 staff fire station 24 in north Juanita, provide daily 12 hour
41 dedicated patient transport during peak hours, and fund five new
42 firefighter/EMTs to improve response times throughout the City,
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45 WHEREAS, The ComSAG’s recommendations used an
46 estimated annual operating cost to fund hiring twenty-four new
47 firefighter/EMTs as \$3,900,000, and annual debt service for
48 capital as \$3,320,000 during ComSAG deliberations, and
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50 WHEREAS, The City Manager has engaged an
51 interdepartmental “recommendation review team” to refine
52 ComSAG operating costs and project costs and sequencing, which
53 may impact the overall totals, and
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55 WHEREAS, The capital investments would be financed by
56 a 30-year excess levy, and the operating investments would be
57 financed by a permanent levy lid lift, and
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59 WHEREAS, Council received a preliminary update of the
60 ComSAG’s recommendation at the March 17, 2020 Council
61 Meeting; and
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63 WHEREAS, At the April 7, 2020 Council meeting, Council
64 reviewed the ComSAG’s full recommendation and may take action
65 to place these separate measures on the November 3, 2020 ballot
66 at any subsequent Council meeting but no later than July 21,
67 2020; and
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69 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland
70 do
71 ordain as follows:
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73 Section 1. The City Council hereby accepts the Community
74 Safety Advisory Committee report.
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76 Section 2. The City Manager is hereby directed to return to the
77 Council with an ordinance authorizing a proposition to the
78 qualified voters of the city of Kirkland at the November 3, 2020
79 general election to impose a property tax excess levy pursuant
80 to chapter 84.52 RCW.
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82 Section 3. The City Manager is further directed to return to the
83 Council with an ordinance authorizing a proposition to the
84 qualified voters of the city of Kirkland at the November 3, 2020
85 general election to impose a property tax levy lid lift pursuant to
86 chapter 84.55 RCW.
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88 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
89 meeting this _____ day of April, 2020.
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91 Signed in authentication thereof this _____ day of April,
92 2020.
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95 Penny Sweet, Mayor

96 Attest:
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99 Kathi Anderson, City Clerk