



Salem Area Mass Transit District
 Board of Directors
 ~ **VIRTUAL WORK SESSION** ~
 April 22, 2021

Pursuant to Governor Brown’s Executive Order 20-16 issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held electronically via Google Meet.

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Courthouse Square – Senator Hearing Room
 555 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

PRESENT:

- Board President Ian Davidson; Directors Charles Richards, Chi Nguyen, Colleen Busch, Robert Krebs, and Sadie Carney (arrived 6:06 p.m.) **EXCUSED:** Director Maria Hinojos Pressey
- Staff Allan Pollock, General Manager; David Trimble, Deputy General Manager; Patricia Feeny, Director of Communication; Tom Dietz, Director of Operations; Paula Dixon, Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations; Steve Dickey, Director of Technology & Program Management; Denise LaRue, Director of Finance/CFO; Karen Garcia, Security & Emergency Management Manager; Chip Colby, Information Technology Manager; Ross Aguilar, System Administrator; and Linda Galeazzi, Executive Assistant
- Guests None

MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:04 PM**
 President Ian Davidson called the work session to order at 6:04 p.m. A quorum was present. General Manager Pollock shared a “Safety Moment” about continuing to practice the “Three Ws” – wash your hands, wear your mask and watch your distance. He announced that the governor will do a press conference on Friday regarding COVID; and that a staff report for agenda item 3.a regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Salem for police services has been added to the calendar invitation.
- 2. PRESENTATION – None**
- 3. DISCUSSION**
 - a. Briefing on the City of Salem’s IGA for Police Services
 - Staff report: Supplemental Packet
 - Presenters: Karen Garcia, Security and Emergency Management (SEM) Manager

SEM Manager Garcia briefed the board on the long-standing relationship for many years with the City of Salem for police service. Changes occurred in the fall of 2012 when the District entered into a security service contract with private providers and an IGA with the City for an on-call officer during specific contractual hours. The current contract provided an on-call officer from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The primary purpose of the IGA is to ensure timely response to criminal activity at the Downtown Transit Center (DTC) because private security professionals are legally limited in the actions they can take. The on-call agreement provides staff with direct access to a Salem Police Officer assigned to the *Downtown Enforcement Team* (DET). The officer can respond and provide support based on the given situation. Without this agreement, calls for assistance would be directed to the *Willamette Valley Communication Center* (WVCC) where they are assigned priority based on the level of severity, availability of officers, and a number of other factors.

Director Nguyen had questions about the current value of the IGA, and how the IGA compared to the professional services contract. GM Pollock responded that he will find out and send the Board his findings.

President Davidson asked whether the police receive specialized training such as crisis intervention. SEM Manager Garcia stated that the police are on specialized teams and have access to those who have other trainings.

Directors Busch thanked the police for their proactive service over the years, stating that it created a huge difference to the community to feel safe. Director Carney echoed the same commendation to the District, SEM Manager Garcia and to those who serve. The transparent communication with the Salem police is a real benefit. She feels for the security officers and the police with the broad charge they are being asked to do.

Follow-up: GM Pollock will send the Board his findings for the billing rates comparing Allied Universal to services of the Salem Police in an email.

4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Staff report: Pages 9-12 of the agenda

Presenter: Allan Pollock, General Manager

Time ran out for there to be a review of the Board's calendar and the list of the Board's upcoming agenda items.

5. WORK SESSION ADJOURNED

6:29 PM

Submitted by: Linda Galeazzi, CMC
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board