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**City Council Meeting Date:** August 23, 2016

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Ben Martig, City Administrator

Continued discussion of the 2017 Budget Request by the Northfield Area Fire & Rescue Services (NAFRS).

**Action Requested:**

Discuss the 2017 budget request from the Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Service (NAFRS).

**Summary Report:**

The City Council reviewed this budget request at the regular meeting of August 16. NAFRS Board VP and Finance Committee Member Scherer had presented.

The Joint Powers Agreement Fire Protection and Rescue Services requires board adoption of a budget by August 1. The NAFRS board met on Thursday, July 28 and unanimously recommended approval of their 2017 budget request. The request letter and related budget materials presented at the board meeting are attached for your information. The budget presentation at the board meeting originally included a \$475,000 request but was amended in consideration of costs related to the pending facility expansion that is under review. I added a note on the budget summary sheet to this effect.

Staff is intending to bring this forward for action under the regular agenda of September 6. Any feedback or concerns following last meeting is very welcome in preparation of bringing this forward.

**Alternative Options:**

Discussion only.

**Financial Impacts:**

NAFRS is requesting approval of the proposed budget of \$525,000, of which Northfield would pay \$379,155. This is the same budget and contribution as 2016. The detailed financial impact is summarized in the budget documentation.

**Tentative Timelines:**

The Joint Powers Agreement requires that the City of Northfield, as a governing body of the agreement, shall act to approve or disapprove the NAFRS budget submitted on or before September 30.

Staff is currently planning to bring forward consideration of action of this item at the Council meeting on September 6. We have one budget work session scheduled on August 23 in which the City Council could further discuss prior to the September regular meeting.

If necessary, there could be further discussion at the work session on September 13 with final action at the regular Council meeting of September 20.