

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, Washington

Wednesday, May 12, 2010
4:30 p.m.

Council

David Carson (*arrival: 4:50pm*)
Richard Cole (*attending Councilmember*)
Hank Myers, Chair
John Stilin

Staff

Tim Fuller, Fire Chief
Bob Oliver, Deputy Fire Chief
Jane Christenson, Deputy City Administrator
Tom Norton, Battalion Chief
Patrick Hirsch, Audio/Visual Operations Manager
Bob Lovett, Fire Marshal
Rich Gieseke, Deputy Fire Marshal
Todd Short, Assistant Fire Marshal
Lynn Sjolander, Assistant Fire Marshal
Shari Shovlin, Police Commander
Ralph Ashmore, Fire Captain
Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner
Elizabeth Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

Meeting Summary

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:37 p.m.

Chair Hank Myers called the meeting to order, spoke regarding the first item on the agenda, introduced Ms. Brook Buckingham, and thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their efforts to coordinate with Human Services.

Human Services Support

Ms. Buckingham stated that she is happy to meet with any Public Safety staff to review current Human Services programs, and reported on Human Services:

- Currently there are 48 human services programs that offer a wide range of services;
- Collaborative operations with public safety staff include:
 - School Resource Officers (SROs) – human services has regular meetings with SROs and teen center staff for information sharing regarding the youth community/current issues;
 - meetings with Police Lt. Charles Gorman to discuss additional human services/police collaborations and community outreach groups; and

- domestic violence victim vouchers – human services coordinates and provides police officers with vouchers to offer to victims for temporary placement.

Commander Shari Shovlin added information on the homeless outreach program with Joe Ingram from Vets Edge; Mr. Ingram has been very successful with outreach work in the City of Redmond and Tent City 4, and he is currently working with Kirkland, as well as at the current Tent City location to notify homeless of the human services available to them.

General discussion ensued regarding past major incidents in Redmond involving domestic violence and homeless victims, if there are any violent homeless incidents in Redmond, and regular locations for homeless in Redmond.

Councilmember Myers spoke supportively for the collaborations between the departments and commented that the new Police Chief, Ron Gibson, has experience with this sort of collaboration.

Fire Services Forum Follow Up

Fire Chief Tim Fuller reported on the Fire Services Forum joint meeting with Council:

- Chief Fuller acknowledged Jane Christenson for her work on this project;
- contract negotiations with Fire District No. 34 continue; currently looking to extend the agreement for six years – beginning January 1, 2011;
- NORCOM progress report was reviewed at the meeting; Redmond is content with remaining at the subscriber status for the time being; and
- the fiscal outlook for the commissioners was reviewed at the meeting; the Fire District was thankful for Redmond's efforts to keep costs low, and for coming in under budget.

General discussion ensued regarding Fire District No. 34 growth.

Ms. Christenson, Deputy City Administrator, reported that the finalized successor agreement with Fire District No. 34 will be coming to Council for approval in summer 2010; and staff will continue quarterly updates to the Council on NORCOM, and the technology implementation portion of the project.

Fire Prevention

Fire Marshal Bob Lovett introduced Fire staff working on updates to the Fire Code – Rich Gieseke, Deputy Fire Marshal, and Lynn Sjolander, Assistant Fire Marshal, who reported on the updates to the code:

- proposed ordinance addresses State and City of Redmond amendments to the Fire Code;
- code is reviewed and amendments adopted every three years;
- upon this review, attempted to make clarifications to code in order to be more clear, concise and user friendly;
- worked with the City Attorney, Jim Haney, and City Clerk, Michelle McGehee;
- made adjustments to the language – expanded code sections to repeat in full, as opposed to in part;

- eliminated unneeded items (things that appear in the base code);
- align code terms with those in other city departments (add same language that is reflected in other code sections monitored by planning, public works, etc);
- updated outdated requirements; and
- added new sections, including 510 – Emergency Radio Coverage.

General discussion ensued regarding the avenue for adoption by Council, base code compared to the Redmond code, availability of base code, how Fire Marshals work with the public in order to be compliant with the code for permitting, and legislative editing citations used in the ordinance.

The item will come forward for Council adoption at the June 1, 2010, regular meeting, under New Business.

RCTV and Public Safety Web Content

Mr. Patrick Hirsch, Audio/Visual Operations Manager, overviewed the City of Redmond Emergency Communications:

- December 2007 Storm – Lessons Learned:
 - to refine internal departmental information sharing practices;
 - to create a single outlet for internal information;
 - to coordinate non-redundant distribution among all resources;
- Actions taken:
 - Creation of internal “back door” information coordinator at Public Works/Maintenance Operations Center;
 - To work in concert with Redmond Police Department dispatch, Public Works and Parks crews;
 - the regular Public Works number refers callers to web, RCTV, AM1650 radio station or to press ‘1’ for phone bank operators (if needed);
- Lead Staffing:
 - Lead communications staff if ECC (Emergency Command Center) is in place: PIO position (Marta Gronlund – 1st lead, Patrick Hirsch, Jim Bove - relief);
 - Lead communications staff if no ECC: Patrick Hirsch – 1st lead, Marta Gronlund, Jim Bove – relief;
- Resources:
 - Web, RCTV, AM1650, Twitter: all feature preloaded emergency templates that are remotely accessible if necessary; and
 - Web/Twitter staff: Karen Conrad, Marta Gronlund;
 - RCTV staff: Chip Cornwell, Patrick Hirsch;
 - AM1650 staff: Lynn Sturbenz, Patrick Hirsch;
 - Other: press releases, external media (KIRO, KOMO, etc) as needed via PIO function.

General discussion ensued regarding improvement of operations across the City with different emergency issues in the past, possibility of text messaging notifications, use of Twitter for notifications, public feedback on information availability during emergencies, non-technology

related communications – such as door to door notifications and street sandwich boards/signage, and the possibility of having emergency situation training sessions played on RCTV.

Miscellaneous

Marymoor Community Meeting

Ms. Christenson reported that a community meeting for the upcoming Marymoor Park summer schedule will most likely be held at the end of May, possibly Monday, May 24th, at the Clise Mansion at Marymoor Park, in order to update the community on the summer schedule, and offer a chance for public comment. More details will be provided when the meeting date is finalized.

Red Light Cameras

Councilmember John Stilin spoke regarding continued public concerns received on the implementation of this program, specifically related to revenues collected, and asked for more data to be collected and distributed to the public.

Councilmembers discussed concerns heard and possible informational outreach opportunities.

Commander Shovlin indicated that staff will have a presentation on this item at the June 9, 2010, Public Safety Committee meeting, and hopes to address items of concern including level of fees and community outreach.