

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE/
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, Washington

Thursday, October 14, 2010
5 p.m.

Council

David Carson
Richard Cole (*attending Councilmember*)
Hank Myers, Chair
John Stilin

Staff

Ron Gibson, Police Chief
Jim Duren, Acting Deputy Fire Chief
Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor
Elizabeth Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

Meeting Summary

Convened: 5 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

Chair Hank Myers called the meeting to order and overviewed the agenda.

Homeless Population Issues

Police Chief Ron Gibson reported on the Redmond homeless population issues:

- met with Joe Engram from Vets Edge to discuss homelessness in Redmond;
- estimates roughly 100 homeless within city limits; most are invisible to the public eye;
- mostly individuals down-on-their-luck; some with drug or mental health issues;
- panhandlers are few, and non-aggressive; no complaints have been made in this regard;
- Police only interact if a homeless person is in immediate danger to themselves or to others; otherwise, effort is focused on referring homeless to appropriate human services offered;
- few human service programs are available to those with drug or mental health issues;
- see few transients which have relocated to Redmond from Seattle; most stay in one spot and near to services offered;
- few personal/property crimes related to transients – some shoplifting; no violent attacks reported;
- most ask/are looking for money, food, and drinks; and
- good policy in place – to direct homeless to human services, not arrest for non-public safety reasons.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed liquor law on the upcoming ballot and the possible outcome related to homeless alcohol procurement if passed; and numbers/counting guidelines for the 'One Night Count of the Homeless' in King County.

Drug Use Abatement

Chief Gibson updated the Committee on drug use abatement in the City of Redmond:

- School Resource Officers (SROs) are given limited time to teach on drug abuse in the Junior and High Schools; no time is allotted for elementary schools;
- drug use can be attributed to many crimes; for examples, many of the recent burglaries in Redmond can be related back to drug use by the suspects; and
- seeing an increase of heroin and methamphetamine use in this area.

General discussion ensued regarding commonly abused drugs, results of drug take-back day (roughly 330 people participated), and citizen witness involvement with capture of a number of burglary suspects.

Jail Services in 2011 and Beyond

Ms. Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, updated the committee on jail services:

- cities are required to provide jail services to individuals charged with misdemeanors;
- current City of Redmond jail services contracts include:
 - Yakima (contract expires end of 2010);
 - Issaquah (year to year contract); and
 - King County (contract through 2016);
- for 2011-12:
 - average Redmond inmate daily bed use estimated at 30 jail beds per day;
 - contract with Issaquah reserves 15 beds per day (paid for regardless of use);
 - staff is looking into contract with Snohomish County for additional jail beds needed per day (only pay for beds used);
 - Redmond would utilize King County beds only as needed; and
 - would not renew Yakima jail services contract.

General discussion ensued regarding the daily use of each jail (transportation fees; location; number of beds), video court, how the Snohomish County Jail became an option/other local jurisdictions that use Snohomish County Jail, and long term jail needs. Ms. Rivkin indicated that the three contracts for 2011 jail services would be before Council for approval on November 1, 2010.

Update on ALS/BLS Contract

Acting Deputy Fire Chief Jim Duren updated the committee on the 2011 ALS/BLS contract:

- annual renewal of contract with King County for Advanced Life Services (ALS) and Basic Life Services (BLS);
- contract terms include levy money from King County to Redmond for services provided;

- contract will be up for King County Council approval in November 2010; and
- will then be before Redmond City Council for approval by the end of 2010/early 2011.

Marymoor Concert Series Debrief

A general discussion was held regarding complaints received by the City relating to the summer's event series at Marymoor Park (few received in June and July; more received in August); traffic concerns related to event schedule; and scheduling a pre-season meeting with King County in early 2011.

Miscellaneous

Councilmembers requested the following item be added to the November Public Safety committee Meeting: 'Policies and Procedures Relating to the Handling of Missing Persons Cases'.

The November Public Safety Meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 4 p.m.; due to the holiday on the regularly scheduled date of Thursday, November 11, 2010.