

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Conference Room  
15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street  
Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, January 25, 2010  
4:30 p.m.

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**Council**

David Carson (*not in attendance*)  
Richard Cole (*attending Councilmember*)  
Hank Myers, Chair  
John Stilin

**Staff**

Ron Gibson, Police Chief  
Russ Albertson, Deputy Fire Chief  
Jim Duren, Deputy Fire Chief  
Bob Oliver, Deputy Fire Chief  
Kristi Wilson, Police Commander  
Shawn Fitzpatrick, Police Support Services  
Supervisor  
Julie Howe, Senior Labor Analyst  
Elizabeth Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

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**Meeting Summary**

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:25 p.m.

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

**False Burglar Alarm Program**

Police Chief Ron Gibson presented information on the False Burglar Alarm Program:

- Police responded to 661 false burglar alarms in 2010 (468 – commercial properties, 193 residential properties);
- program penalty charges (based on responses per year):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> false alarm response – free;
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> false alarm response - \$25 fee;
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> false alarm response - \$50 fee;
  - 4<sup>th</sup> false alarm response - \$75 fee;
  - 5<sup>th</sup> false alarm response - \$100 fee
  - 6<sup>th</sup> false alarm – suspension/no response;
  - Administrative appeal process: an alarm user may appeal the validity of a false alarm to the Hearing Examiner;
- since 2001 amount of false burglar alarms has been reduced by 52%;
- there is a small number of repeat offenders (with 4+ false burglar alarms per year); mostly commercial properties;

- Redmond alarm registration fee: \$10; other eastside cities: \$24-50;
- there is a need for review and update of the fees/penalties program; last reviewed in June 1999; and
- Staff can look into possible changes to this program if interest is expressed by council members to do so.

General discussion ensued regarding cost recovery, education, and incentive programs to reduce the number of false alarms and appeal process options. Council members requested additional data on the cause of false burglar alarms and expressed interest in exploring changes to the program; staff is to provide a follow-up.

### **New Proposed Dispatch Schedule**

Police Commander Kristi Wilson and Julie Howe, Senior Labor Analyst, presented information on the new proposed Dispatch Schedule: changes proposed by FLSA, new schedule sets a 40-hour work week for employees (currently scheduled as over 40 hours, with built-in overtime); reduces overtime/banking; negotiated pay rate unchanged - only adjustment to work schedule; and the new schedule is considered more efficient.

General discussion ensued regarding the current schedule, benefits, and efficiencies of the new proposed schedule, and peak dispatch service hours (9am – 9 pm).

MOTION: Committee Member Stilin recommended proceeding with consideration of the item at the next regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Myers.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

### **2011 Committee Work Plan**

Committee Chairperson Myers opened discussion for prospective 2011 work plan items. Possible items included: CPR training program, ALS (medic units information), Red Light Camera Program reporting (quarterly), Community Outreach programs/marketing for public safety entities, fundraising efforts of PD/FD, Marymoor Park Concert Noise/Traffic concerns. Chairperson Myers will formulate a draft plan for Committee review, including prospective schedule of meeting locations (visit locations outside City Hall – Fire Stations, Police Department, etc.).

### **Miscellaneous**

MOTION: Committee Member Stilin recommended amendment of the City's current red light camera ordinance to include language specific to where the funds will be used. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Myers.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.