

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Council Conference Room, City Hall

Thursday, February 19, 2009

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Convened: 8:30 a.m.

Adjourned: 9:25 a.m.

Council:

Kim Allen (excused absence)  
David Carson, Chair  
Pat Vache

Staff:

Tim Fuller, Fire Chief  
Kerry Sievers, Human Resources Director  
Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor  
Larry Gainer, Assistant Police Chief  
Mark Hagreen, Police Commander  
Julie Howe, Senior Labor Analyst  
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Committee Chair David Carson opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

**Report from the Mayor's Office: NORCOM Update and Other Issues**

Assistant to the Mayor Jane Christenson advised that three matters will be coming forward to the Council for consideration in the next couple of months. These are: NORCOM/REDCOM Analysis, Potential NORCOM Back-Up Role for REDCOM, and EPSCA 800 Mhz Regional Radio System.

Ms. Christenson stated that the Administration will be looking to bring action before Council to approve a consultant agreement for the purpose of refining the analysis that was conducted one year ago regarding NORCOM/REDCOM, noting that missing from the analysis at that time was the technology component. Ms. Christenson informed that NORCOM has made a technology selection since that analysis was performed and that the City of Redmond is in need of a full evaluation.

Ms. Christenson went on to inform that NORCOM has also approached the City of Redmond on its willingness to have its dispatch operation serve as a back-up center for NORCOM in the future. Given the City's 2008 decision to retain its police dispatch function, NORCOM is interested in formalizing the back-up relationship in the form of an interlocal agreement. She noted that any costs in this regard would be borne by NORCOM.

Commander Mark Hagreen advised that the City of Redmond would be providing space and that the NORCOM site would conversely be a back-up to Redmond's dispatch services.

Ms. Christenson concluded her presentation to the Committee by addressing the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency (EPSCA). Ms. Christenson advised that the current location for EPSCA is on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of Bellevue City Hall, and the space has been deemed inadequate. She noted that the City of Bellevue had offered to house EPSCA at an increased cost to its principal agencies (Bellevue, Kirkland, Issaquah, Mercer Island, and Redmond), and that the City of Redmond currently has space available at its public safety building to house this function and keep its costs (and those of other agencies) at their current levels. Any costs associated with the proposed transition would be borne by EPSCA, though this change would provide Redmond with some additional functionality by having radio operations co-located with Redmond's communications center. An interlocal agreement would also be needed for this purpose.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the transition of employees to the City of Redmond from the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency;
- a future regional radio upgrade;
- the eventual future merging of EPSCA into another entity; and
- evaluation of the benefits of having EPSCA located at Redmond.

Ms. Christenson reiterated that these matters would be brought to Council for consideration within the next few months.

### **Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Contracts with King County**

Deputy Fire Chief Deb Ayrs reported that the standard interlocal agreements between King County for Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) will be coming before the Council for consideration on March 3, 2009. Ms. Ayrs informed the members of the Committee that the contracts are for a total six-year period, with annual automatic renewals.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the length of the levy agreement, automatic adjustments built into the agreement against the CPI and other indexes, and audits required to be performed to the budgets. Ms. Ayrs was asked to forward the Council documents to the members of the Committee for review prior to distribution of the Council packet for March 3, 2009.

### **Miscellaneous Police/Fire Department Updates**

Members of the Committee and staff discussed:

- bid comparisons for projects similar to the Fire Station No. 17 project;
- the current training of nine Redmond firefighter recruits in the North Bend area and efforts of the Redmond Fire Department to keep these individuals tied into

- the culture of the Redmond Fire Department during their 12-week stay in North Bend, and training that they will undertake while they are there; and
- police department hiring updates.

Councilmember Vache relayed that there are old Coast Guard housing units off of Avondale Way that need to be taken down. He stated that perhaps the Fire Department would want to consider these structures for live-fire training exercises.

Councilmember Vache also reported that he had been contacted by a citizen on Education Hill with a safety concern. He asked Assistant Police Chief Larry Gainer to contact the citizen in follow up to her concerns.

Fire Chief Tim Fuller announced that Andy Hail would be resigning from the Redmond Fire Department effective February 28, 2009. Members of the Committee and staff expressed their gratitude to Battalion Chief Hail for his service to the City of Redmond. Chief Fuller stated that a farewell event would be held for Mr. Hail before his departure.