

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
Council Conference Room, City Hall
Thursday, June 19, 2008

Convened: 8:34 a.m.

Adjourned: 9:29 a.m.

Council

David Carson, Chair
Kim Allen, Member
Pat Vache, Member

Staff

Karen Brandon, Fire Business Manager
Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor
Tim Fuller, Fire Chief
Charles Gorman, Police Lieutenant
Steve Harris, Police Chief
Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager
Larry Mitchell, Prosecuting Attorney
Kristi Wilson, Police Commander

MEETING SUMMARY

Fire Department Update

Fire Chief Tim Fuller reported on staffing reorganizations; new positions created; and introduced Karen Brandon, Redmond Fire Department Business Operations Manager. The position of the Business Operations Manager was made possible by the reduction of three Deputy Chiefs to two. As a result of the reduction, some of the responsibilities of the Deputy Chief's were delegated to the Battalion Chief's including increased decision making power. Ms. Brandon explained her current goals to streamline financial procedures and budget management; specifically creating a replacement cost budget schedule, and making better use of the reserve fund budget.

Mr. Fuller gave an update regarding Station 13. The station will be renovated via two phases; (1) bio-cleaning; and (2) construction. He added that there has been minimal impact on service delivery and Station 13 crews have been operating successfully from alternative station locations.

Police Department Update

Police Chief Steve Harris described efforts taken in regards to department technological updates and Microsoft outreach. Both the Fire and Police Departments will be meeting with Microsoft to discuss possible collaboration.

Police Commander Kristi Wilson reported on department recruitment, hiring, and open positions. The department will be continuing the Metro campaign of high profile advertising in order to increase the number of candidates for open positions. Ms. Wilson mentioned that there are many

openings statewide and some agencies are beginning to offer hiring incentives. The City's advertising will focus on Redmond's quality of life advantages.

Police Lieutenant Charles Gorman reported on the Redmond Security Forum; a meeting with business and security managers of large corporations, as well as school district security, in order to foster common relationships. General discussion ensued regarding security issues in Redmond specifically vandalization, theft issues, and the possibility of an increase in crime over the summer with rising gas prices. Chief Harris commented on Redmond's undercover ProAct Teams, which have been recognized as some of the best in the nation in a recent national review.

Chief Harris presented an upcoming agenda item for the Public Safety Committee regarding installation of red light cameras in Redmond. Information will be presented, possibly in August following a Mayoral briefing, regarding how they work, funding, and the proposal to the Mayor and Council.

Prosecuting Attorney's Office Re: Ordinance Amending the Redmond Municipal Code to Add Section 9.34.015, Adopting by Reference RCW 9.61.260, Cyberstalking

Larry Mitchell, Prosecuting Attorney, presented information on a proposed ordinance regarding cyberstalking. The ordinance would update the Redmond Municipal Code to align with RCW 9.61.260; adopting the State law as it exists and any future amendments. Discussion ensued regarding the coverage of the statute and the definition of Cyberstalking. The ordinance will be presented to the City Council for approval on July 1, 2008.

Human Services Relationship to School Resource Officers

Committee Chair David Carson reported on discussion that took place at the June 11, 2008, Parks and Human Services meeting regarding the potential relationship between School Resource Officers (SROs) and Redmond's Human Services Division (HS), in order to ensure that students at the Junior and Senior High Schools have access to all available services.

Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager, opened discussion regarding the establishment of these relationships, and questioned how to best develop and nurture them. General discussion ensued regarding the number and placement of SROs; and the establishment of a weekly meeting between SROs and Teen Center staff to discuss current issues, at-risk youth, and HS programs available. It was suggested that Human Services staff might also attend these meetings. Chief Harris will increase opportunities to educate all police officers, as well as SROs, as to the many programs offered by Human Services.

Chair Carson thanked Ms. Kelly for attending, and concluded that it is a wonderful thing to have the SROs back in the schools after a year of absence.