

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Meeting Summary

Council

David Carson, Chair
Kim Allen
Richard Cole

Staff

Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor
Larry Gainer, Deputy Police Chief
Tom Norton, Deputy Fire Chief
Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor
Elizabeth McAnlis, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 8:37 a.m.

Adjourned: 9:46 a.m.

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

NORCOM Update

Ms. Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor, updated the Committee on NORCOM:

- the City's current subscriber dispatch agreement with NORCOM is through 2009, with possible extension through 2010;
- NORCOM is operational (as of July 1, 2009); tech implementation is ongoing for Police dispatch; Fire dispatch tech implementation is expected to be ready in the third quarter of 2010; and
- the City is considering extension of the subscriber dispatch agreement beyond 2010, to allow a trial-period of Police and Fire dispatch services, before committing to a long-term agreement with NORCOM.

Discussion ensued regarding the NORCOM/REDCOM study update, Redmond Fire Department's collaboration with NORCOM in the development of the Fire dispatch system, and the terms of the subscriber agreement extension. Deputy Fire Chief Tom Norton informed the committee of the addition of dispatch notifications via cell phone, and spoke positively in regards to this process. Ms. Christenson advised that the extension agreement will be discussed with the Fire Commissioners at a meeting in the near future.

Firearms Ordinances for Council Approval

Ms. Christenson provided information on two ordinances coming forward at the Tuesday, July 21, 2009, regular meeting for approval:

- both ordinances update the Redmond Municipal Code to be compliant with State and Federal laws regarding: 1) firearms regulations during civil emergencies; and 2) firearms possession in city parks;

- Ordinance No. 2474: Amending RMC 9.12.030(7) Authorizing the Mayor to Issue Orders in Civil Emergencies; and
- Ordinance No. 2475: Amending RMC 9.32.090 to Delete the Prohibition of the Carrying of a Firearm in a City Park.

Discussion ensued regarding the State and Federal laws on these issues, public response/reaction, and the best way to present to Council for approval and explain the amendments to the public.

Jail Update

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, updated the committee on future jail capacity planning:

1. Contract Extension Negotiations between Cities and King County:
 - Items in discussions for jail contract extension:
 - Number of beds available for cities at the King County Jail;
 - New rate structure: variable fees based on services provided;
 - Yearly inflation, new rates effective date, resetting of rates during terms of extension; and
 - Latecomer's fee for delayed entry into extension contract.
 - Contract extension negotiations were temporarily on hold, pending King County reevaluation of their long-term jail bed projection, and consideration of cities' request for a guaranteed number of beds for the duration of the extension.
 - Negotiations have been reestablished and King County is offering a three-year contract extension (2013-2015) with a guaranteed number of beds.
 - Pending an agreement, County would like to have the contract extension drafted and submitted to the King County Council no later than late August 2009.
2. Contract Negotiations between Cities and Yakima County:
 - Cities in discussion with Yakima County for new jail services contract;
 - Each city will determine its bed commitment and contract length; and
 - Discussions to resume after Yakima County establishment of a proposed daily bed rate.
3. Jail Planning for Potential Future Regional Jail Facilities:
 - 20-year forecast of jail bed needs for cities indicated need for 640 beds for the north/east cities (including Seattle) and 800 beds for south cities;
 - North and East Cities (NEC), consisting of Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Seattle, and Shoreline, are planning a municipal jail and working with King County for downtown jail facility services:
 - Currently conducting Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), preliminary program and design work for five potential municipal jail sites, and for a King County Jail Annex;
 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) expected to be published in December 2009;
 - Public Meetings on site locations to take place in January 2010; and
 - Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) currently scheduled to be released in May 2010.

- South County (SCORE), consisting of Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Renton and Tukwila, is building an 800+ bed jail in Des Moines:
 - Scheduled to break ground on August 3, 2009;
 - Facility is planned to open mid-2011; and
 - Contract beds may be available for non-SCORE cities usage, discussions between SCORE and potential contract cities to begin summer 2009.
- 4. Distribution of Proceeds from the Sale of Property Held by Bellevue on behalf of Cities:
 - Per the Intergovernmental Land Transfer Agreement between King County and participating King County Cities, regarding land held by the City of Bellevue on behalf of the cities, proceeds from property sale must be used for jail services;
 - Property Proceeds Distribution and Hold Harmless Agreement establishes the roles and obligations of the cities and Bellevue in relation to the distribution of and liability for the proceeds from the sale of the property (before Council for approval at the regular meeting of Tuesday, July 21, 2009); and
 - City of Redmond Use of Proceeds from the Sale of the Property: 1) payment of Redmond's share of the NEC SEPA review costs, and 2) future jail planning costs and jail services.

Committee discussion included:

- Current contracts/usage of jail beds at King County, Yakima County and Issaquah jails;
- Booking fees and daily rates; and
- SCORE jail site property/contract options.

Miscellaneous

Deputy Police Chief Larry Gainer notified the committee of a personnel change: Commanders Kristi Wilson and Mark Hagreen will be switching some management duties to align with their personal goals.

A member of the audience, Mr. Bob Yoder, informed the committee he planned to write a blog regarding the meeting and asked for a volunteer to review his comments before posting. Ms. Christenson offered to do so.