

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Council Conference Room, City Hall

October 16, 2008

Convened: 8:30 a.m.

Adjourned: 9:28 a.m.

Council:

Kim Allen
David Carson, Chair
Pat Vache

Mayor:

John Marchione

Staff:

Tim Fuller, Fire Chief
Steven Harris, Police Chief
Judd Black, Planning Manager
Karen Brandon, Fire - Business Operations
Manager
Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor
Talley Hudson, Executive Assistant
Elizabeth McAnlis, Deputy City Clerk
Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor

MEETING SUMMARY

Committee Chair David Carson opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda, adding items requested by the Fire and Police Departments.

Fire Department Update

Mr. Tim Fuller, Fire Chief, updated the committee on upcoming Fire Department items for November consent agenda Council action:

- Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team Contract
 - Extension of contract
 - Redmond canine unit – beneficial component to National Search and Rescue
 - Redmond helped with national events in New York and New Orleans
- Extension of Eastside Dispatch Contract
 - Amendment to extend the contract for dispatch services, acknowledging the likelihood of a future transfer to NORCOM
- Eastside Fire and Rescue Contract
 - Formal contract approving use of Redmond collected data in Eastside Fire and Rescue report

In addition, Chief Fuller updated the committee on personnel matters; specifically, 39 promotion candidates have been named for promotion consideration over the next two years.

General discussion ensued regarding Fire Station No. 13 and the new station. Chief Fuller reported that Fire Station No. 13 is 50 percent complete, with an estimated date of completion of December 2008. Wall remodeling is complete, with ceilings, tiling, appliance, and wiring work in process. Also, the new fire station project is in the design stage, with a proposed completion date of Spring/Summer 2010.

Regional Jail Planning

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, presented information on Regional Jail Planning:

Regional Jail Planning Update:

- Jail Planning Updates to City Council (November 2007, March 2008, July 2008)
- Problem: Lack of local jail beds for City use
- What has/is being done to address this problem:
 - 2006: 20 Year Forecast of Jail Bed Need (*Ricci Greene*)
 - 2007: Jail Task Force (*City elected officials and staff*)
 - 2008: Feasibility Study (*Carter, Goble, Lee Consultants*)
 - 2009: Environmental Review (*North East Cities, King County*)

North East Cities' Feasibility Study:

- Two phase study
- Phase I: April – October 2008
 - Evaluate 200, 440, and 640-bed facility options
 - Options for north/east cities, Seattle, and north/east cities and Seattle
 - Compare cost and site implications
 - information to compare three different sized facilities
 - aid in determining what size facility to plan for
 - 640 bed option – cost efficiencies and economies of scale
 - Breakdown of per diem costs for 200, 440, and 640-bed facility options (operation, capital, and estimated land costs)
 - North East Cities' Recommendation:
 - 640-bed facility for North/East Cities and Seattle
- Phase II: Program for 640-Bed Facility
 - Confirm population projects
 - Develop jail programming
 - Confirm facility size by component
 - Prepare detailed architectural program
 - Prepare site development concept
 - Refine and finalize cost model

North East Cities

- Manage Phase II of Feasibility Study (October – December 2008)

- Develop governance structure and financial model (2009)
- Conduct environmental review (2009)

Agreement for Environmental Review

- Environmental review for new jail required by State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
- Cities developed agreement: establish process for joint management and funding of environmental review
- Agreement between Seattle, Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, and Shoreline
- Five cities represent over 90 percent of the jail bed need
- Other north and east cities invited to participate
- Environmental review scheduled to begin January 2009
- Major provisions included in agreement:
 - Purpose
 - Establish formal relationship for management/funding of EIS (Environmental Impact Statement)
 - Project and program review pursuant to SEPA
 - Parties
 - Nominal Lead/Administrative Manager for EIS: Seattle
 - Seattle has/will contract with consultants for SEPA/EIS work and any related technical reports
 - Seattle has a full-time capital project manager to manage project
 - Decision-Making and Approval Process
 - Consensus preferred
 - If unable to reach consensus: agreement by three cities, one of which must be Seattle
 - Identification of preferred alternatives in EIS requires approval by host city, Seattle and one other city or EIS may be issued without a preferred alternative
 - Budget
 - Up to \$3.3M for SEPA and related pre-design and planning work
 - Allocation of Costs
 - Five principle cities share cost
 - Costs based on city population and average daily jail population 2005-2007
 - Redmond's share of costs: \$196,000
 - Other north and east cities funding will reduce city share of costs
 - Funding SEPA/EIS Costs:
 - Proceeds from sale of Bellevue jail property
 - Property being sold to Children's Hospital
 - Sale expected to close first quarter of 2009
 - Redmond's share of proceeds at least \$360,000
 - Appeals
 - Appeal of EIS to Seattle Hearing Examiner
 - Seattle responsible for defending appeals/funding included in budget (\$200,000)

- Appeal of Hearing Examiner decision to Superior Court – outside scope of this agreement; must be heard with appeal of a substantive action (decision on siting/permitting)
- Duration of Agreement
 - SEPA review work concluded/procedural appeals-adequacy of EIS
 - Appeals of decisions on siting/permitting – include in separate agreement governing construction of a new facility

King County Update:

- Cities negotiating with King County for two-year contract extension
- County Proposal:
 - Two-year contract extension – 220 beds in 2013, 100 beds in 2014
 - Contingent on agreement by Department of Corrections to reduce their bed use at King County for 2013-2014
 - New rates: based on type of service provided
 - Latecomer's Fee: encourage cities to sign contract
- King County/Cities still discussing rates and effective date of new rate
- Goal: reach agreement in principle by late October (Memo of Understanding), then develop contract language
- For jail planning purposes, cities must plan for new jail to open in 2013

General discussion ensued regarding the SEPA and EIS processes and the possibility of an EIS issuance without a preferred alternative. Ms Rivkin reported on the type of EIS to be performed for the project, combined versus phased, stating that after comparing costs, the preferred option is a combined study. Next steps include Council reviewal of the agreements, with adoption the last week in October/first of November. Sites to be included in the SEPA/EIS studies have yet to be finalized.

Police Department Update

Mr. Steven Harris, Police Chief, updated the committee members on the following Police Department items:

- Award for the Attack Center: National award issued to the top agencies; Redmond is in the top 10 and will receive a plaque
- Decrease of Auto Thefts
- Funding for Identification Theft detective work – on hold; looking to hire two analysts (one for Bellevue and Kirkland; one for smaller surrounding cities)
- Personnel Update: two positions have been filled, hiring has improved, continuation of improvements to maintain staffed positions