



Memorandum

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Meeting of: City Council Study Session

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TO: Members of the City Council
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TITLE:
Public Safety Funding Plan Briefing

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Public Safety Funding Plan Briefing is to provide Council an overview of the Community outreach, program elements and next steps for the proposed property tax measure going to voters in November.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☒ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Community Strategic Plan, Fire and Police Functional Plans and the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Required:**
The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 84.55 outlines the steps that need to be taken in order to propose a property tax levy in excess of property tax limitations.
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
The need for a future investment in the public safety services funded by the 2007 was discussed during the 2021

-2022 budget deliberations as expenditures continue to outpace revenues. In addition, the Public Safety Initiative in the Community Strategic Plan calls for increased support for mobile integrated health and mental health professionals to augment traditional police and fire services and to build out a public safety system that will meet future City needs.

OUTCOMES:

The briefing on the Public Safety Funding Plan will include:

- An overview of community input, that has been gathered so far, through the City's Public Safety Sounding Board, a statistically valid survey, a community meeting and a Let'sConnect questionnaire.
- A briefing of the Public Safety Funding Plan elements and changes to the Plan based on community feedback.
- A timeline and next steps.

Staff will continue to update Council May through July on other community feedback received as well as discuss the funding plan elements. The City Council is required to act on a proposed ballot measure by August 2, 2022, for the November ballot. Other steps that need to be taken on the proposed measure is to form a pro and con committee made up of community members, craft an explanatory statement for the voter's pamphlet and prepare various future communications.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Public Safety Sounding Board - January through May 2022
Public Safety Survey - February 2022
Community meeting - April 4, 2022
Let'sConnect questionnaire - March through April 2022
Meetings with community groups and boards and commissions - April - June 2022
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
The results of the outreach methods will be discussed at the Study Session on May 10, 2022. Also, included as attachments are the top line results for the Public Safety Community Survey and the Let'sConnect questionnaire.
- **Feedback Summary:**
Priorities we have heard from the community include:
 - Invest in public safety to keep pace with the growth in Redmond
 - Invest in mental health and mobile integrated health as alternatives to traditional police and fire services
 - Overall support for the City's police and fire services and a potential public safety funding plan.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

The total revenue anticipated from the potential property tax levy lid lift is \$10.4 million annually. The total amount equates to a property tax increase of \$0.34 increase per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on a median priced home of \$1 million or \$340 per year.

Approved in current biennial budget:

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

☒ **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

Safe and Resilient

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

Property tax levy lid lift

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
2/25/2022	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information
3/15/2022	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information
4/19/2022	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
5/17/2022	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information
6/21/2022	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information
6/28/2022	Study Session	Receive Information
7/12/2022	Study Session	Receive Information
7/19/2022	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

A resolution placing the Public Safety Funding Plan on the ballot for the November 8, 2022, election must be approved by Council by July 19, 2022 or August 2, 2022.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If not approved, the Public Safety Funding Plan would not be placed on the ballot in November. A part of the funding plan is to reinvest in the services supported by the 2007 levy lid lift. Since the expenditures for those services is exceeding revenues, the City would need to absorb additional costs into the General Fund. Additionally, there would be no increases in police and fire services including the non-traditional services of mobile integrated health and mental health professionals assisting the Police Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Public Safety Funding Plan Presentation
Attachment B: Top Line Results for Public Safety Community Survey
Attachment C: Results of Let'sConnect Questionnaire