



Memorandum

Date: 2/15/2022

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

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TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

Public Safety Funding Plan Milestones

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

As part of the 2021-2022 Budget, staff spoke to the City Council about the need to engage in focused discussions around the need for additional police and fire funding in relationship to the 2007 Levy Lid lift. Since that time, Redmond is engaging community members on a Sounding Board to provide input, feedback, perspectives, and recommendations relevant to the ongoing development of a City of Redmond Public Safety funding plan that potentially may lead to a property tax levy proposal to voters in November 2022. Attachment A provides a communications timeline leading up to a potential November 2022 ballot measure.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information **Provide Direction** **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Relevant plans include the Community Strategic Plan and the Fire and Police Strategic Plans.
- **Required:**
Property Tax Levy Lid Lift measures are governed under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 84.55.
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
The current 2007 Public Safety Levy Lid Lift has lost buying power due to the 1% growth cap on property taxes.

Future public safety needs to support a growing city will also be considered.

OUTCOMES:

In addition to looking at the needs associated with the 2007 Public Safety Levy Lid Lift, an analysis of current and future funding for public safety services will include items such as light rail security, mental health, mobile integrated health, fire coverage, and body worn cameras.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Please see Attachment A.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
The City has recruited a Public Safety Funding Plan Sounding Board made up of 10 community members. Other outreach will include a public safety survey, outreach to community organizations, and social media.
- **Feedback Summary:**
Council will be updated on community input throughout the project, with the first review scheduled for the April -May timeframe.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Currently the City is using an on-call communications contract to work with S & A Associates to provide communications expertise.

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:

Staff may need to amend the current on-call contract with S & A Associates to assist with increased communications up to the time the property tax measure goes on the ballot in November.

Funding source(s):

General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
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
5/10/2022	Study Session	Receive Information

Time Constraints:

Should the City decide to pursue a property tax levy lid lift for public safety services, the City Council will need to pass a resolution to place the measure on the ballot by August 2, 2022.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Public Safety Funding Plan Milestones