

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING SUMMARY**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Council

Steve Fields, Presiding Officer
Jeralee Anderson (4:43 p.m.)
Angela Birney
David Carson (4:37 p.m.)
Hank Margeson
Hank Myers (4:38 p.m.)
Tanika Padhye

Staff

Tommy Smith, Fire Chief
Don Horton, Deputy Fire Chief
Erik Scairpon, Police Captain
Eric Timm, Battalion Chief
Todd Short, Fire Marshal
Sheryl Mullen, Police Support Services Manager
Brian Coats, Police Lieutenant
Cheryl Xanthos, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned 5:43 p.m.

Presiding Officer Steve Fields called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda for the Public Safety portion of the agenda.

Fire Service Master Plan Update Charter

Mr. Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, Mr. Don Horton, Deputy Fire Chief, and Mr. Eric Timm, Battalion Chief, provided an update:

- Public Safety levy;
- the Fire Department Strategic Plan is being replaced by a Master Planning process;
- Master Plan is feeding into the City's Comprehensive Plan;
- developing a charter;
- issuing a Request for Proposals to help with this effort; and
- evaluating current Fire Station locations and comparing to growth in the City.

General discussion ensued regarding future planning; timeline for deliverables; projected growth and call volume; drivers of this project; and preparing for climate change and emergencies.

Multi-family Structure Fire Debrief

Mr. Todd Short, Fire Marshal, reported on a recent multi-family structure fire:

- this was a two-alarm fire;
- mutual aid was received from five other fire departments;
- three residents received minor injuries;
- non-sprinkled building;
- estimated usage of 15,000 gallons of water to fight the fire;

- cell phone video was taken by a person living nearby;
- a resident alerted people to escape the fire; and
- newer buildings are required to have sprinklers.

General discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness and tasks performed by the Redmond Fire Department and mutual aid; damage to the structure; fire code standards; cost for retrofitting buildings; fires are burning faster; programs to provide smoke alarms and education; focusing on fire protection; and providing an additional committee discussion on this topic.

Briefing - I-1639 Firearm Impacts

Mr. Erik Scairpon, Police Captain, and Ms. Sheryl Mullen, Police Support Services Manager, discussed impacts from the passage of I-1639:

- restrictions on firearm purchase and ownership;
- minimum age to buy a gun will be 21;
- comprehensive background checks;
- 10 days to notify gun dealers allowing certain firearm purchases; and
- finding efficiencies in processes to make the timeline.

General discussion ensued regarding volume; cost impacts; changes in the law; and additional resources.

Briefing - Police Unmanned Aerial System

Captain Scairpon and Mr. Brian Coats, Police Lieutenant, stated that general drone usage restrictions were added to the parks rules and it did not include drones used by the Police Department. The Police Department is working on rules for their usage of drones. There will be initially two FAA licensed pilots. The general purpose will be for traffic collision investigations. This plan has been reviewed by the City Attorney. Mapping a collision scene will take much less time so roads can be reopened earlier. The policy will address protection of rights and privacy, and there will be a public messaging campaign.

General discussion ensued regarding having a separate discussion on privacy issues; the threshold when this will be used; and public records issues.