

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PUBLIC SAFETY
AND FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS
MEETING SUMMARY**

Council Chambers
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Council

Steve Fields, Presiding Officer (Public Safety)
Jeralee Anderson (4:35 p.m.)
Angela Birney
David Carson
Hank Margeson, Presiding Officer (FAC)
Hank Myers (4:54 p.m.)
Tanika Padhye

Staff

Tommy Smith, Fire Chief
Eric Timm, Battalion Chief
Malisa Files, Finance Director
Julie Beard, Police Sergeant
Ron Harding, Police Captain
Pattijean Hooper, Emergency Preparedness Manager
Nicole Bruce, Senior Human Resources Analyst
Sara Smith, City Clerk's Office

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned 5:35 p.m.

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

Approval to Sign the Community Services Agreement with King County Department of Health, EMS Division for Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH)

Mr. Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, and Mr. Eric Timm, Battalion Chief, reported that this has been a pilot program with King County for community members who can benefit from mobile healthcare. Signing this agreement would fund this pilot program until the end of 2019 when the King County EMS Levy funds start to cover the program in 2020. This is a successful pilot program with King County is in its last year; has shown a 30 percent decrease in 911 contacts for non-emergent calls; metrics have been defined to retrieve information including services provided, demographics, length of cases, regional data; and staff requests to put the agreement on the consent agenda for Council approval.

Cascadia Rising Solutions 2019 Full Functional Exercise

Ms. Pattijean Hooper, Emergency Preparedness Manager, reported on 2019 efforts:

- series of exercises designed to improve gaps identified after statewide 2016 Cascadia Rising simulation;
- “12 Extraordinary Meetings” which include community members and city staff;
- focus on essential services that the city will be providing during an incident: transportation; communication; situational assessment; and common operating picture; and
- full functional exercise will take place on October 18- 19, 2019.

General discussion ensued regarding Council receiving a report of the third party evaluation of the October exercise; make-up of the community members involved in the exercises; resonating with the general public and receiving feedback; business continuity plan after an emergency; learning from the recent snowstorm; and training for the role of the Council Members in an emergency, tailored for Redmond.

Active Shooter Incident Policy Review

Chief Smith and Ms. Hooper reported on the review of the City's current policy:

- Emergency Management to coordinate with the Police, Fire and Communications Department regarding planning, training and having exercises preparing for a violent situation;
- review current policies that may exist in silos;
- analysis of best practices;
- determine how to go forward with a plan and training at a variety of levels; and
- areas of focus: readiness/preparation, response and recovery.

General discussion ensued regarding how the Council can support these efforts; ways to measure readiness and processes; informing the community about related state legislation changes; and the importance of this topic.

National Night Out Debrief

Ms. Julie Beard, Police Sergeant and Mr. Ron Harding, Police Captain, reported on the recent event:

- National Night Out occurred on August 6, 2019;
- visited 52 parties with over 2,000 residents;
- representatives from Police, Fire, Emergency Management, Search and Rescue, Community Equity Action Team (CEAT) and Redmond Police Explorers;
- talking points were the launch of Safe Place, the new Police Chief, and CEAT;
- it was successful with great community interaction; and
- there was a lower number of parties than usual but larger groups.

General discussion ensued regarding the community being pleased with the opportunity to interact with their neighbors as well as with the City's public safety staff and elected officials; and setting a future Council study session time to share the input and questions that the Councilmembers received at the parties they attended.

At this time Presiding Officer Hank Margeson called the Finance, Administration, and Communications portion of the meeting to order.

2018 Impact Fee Collection and Distribution Report

Ms. Malisa Files, Finance Director, presented the annual report that detailed collection, distribution and ending fund balances of impact fees for transportation, fire, and parks as well as for the Lake Washington School District.

General discussion ensued regarding the plan for how to use fire impact fees that have not yet been spent down and Finance following-up with an aging report on impact fees.

Resolution of Intent/Ordinance: Sales Tax Credit Against the State for Affordable Housing Purposes in Alignment with Substitute House Bill 1406

Ms. Files made a presentation regarding House Bill 1406 which is a revenue sharing proposal that involves using local sales and use tax credit against state sales tax to generate funds to be used towards affordable housing purposes. It supports the housing choices part of Redmond's Community Strategic Plan. She reviewed criteria for using the funds and what actions and timelines the City would need to meet to generate both the first half and the second half of these funds, as they are awarded separately. The Council discussion expressed definite interest in proceeding forward to realize the first half. For the second half, several aspects of consideration were discussed, and it was decided that this topic would need to be further explored in a Study Session before making a decision.

Benefits and Wellness Update - Potential Plan Changes for 2020

Ms. Nicole Bruce, Senior Human Resource Analyst, reported on the annual update of the benefits plan:

- new third-party administrator is Premera, starting on January 1, 2020;
- as part of implementation, Premera has some plan design recommendations to improve consistency and to adjudicate claims more efficiently; and
- recommendations will be reviewed in the Employee Benefits Advisory Committee, and
- any proposed changes will be brought forward to the Council on October 1, 2019.