



Public Safety and Justice Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
4:00 PM
Airport Conference Room 345

| Members: | Present: | Absent: | Commence: | Adjourn: |
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| Tony Anderson, Chair | X | | 4:10 PM | 5:18 PM |
| Pam Fernald | X | | | |
| Gene Fisher | X | | | |

Note: Items 1 – 6 reviewed jointly with Administration & Finance Committee

Other Councilmembers Present: Rick Forschler, Mia Gregerson, Ralph Shape

Staff Coordinator: Acting Fire Chief Brian Wiwel and Police Chief Jim Graddon

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| <p>1. 2010 Celebration Update - Kristen Boone</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to _____.</p> <p><i>Administrative Assistant III Kristin Boone provided the final A&F/PS&J Committee update prior to the March 1 celebration. Ms. Boone reported that the planning committee has mailed invitations, hung banners, and placed advertisements in the Highline Times. Entertainment is scheduled for both the 1st and 3rd floors of City Hall. Departments are working on their presentations that will be displayed throughout City Hall. The planning committee has one more meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, to finalize preparation for the March 1 celebration.</i></p> |
| <p>2. Civil Service Commissioners Term Change</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to <u>future Council Meeting</u>.</p> <p><i>Ms. Yoon distributed copies of a proposed agenda bill and Ordinance amending</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>Section 2.35.060 of the SeaTac Municipal Code (SMC) to mirror state law for the terms of Civil Service commissioners. Ms. Yoon noted that in 1990, the City Council established a Civil Service Commission for city firefighters in accordance with state law under RCW 41.08. At that time, SMC 2.35.060 set the term for Civil Service commissioners to 6 years, with the exception of the first 3 commissioners, which mirrored state law. In 2003, the SMC was amended to shorten the term for Civil Service commissioners to 4 years. Ms. Yoon indicated that no documentation exists explaining why the term length was changed. Staff recommends changing the term for commissioners back to 6 years. This recommendation will be considered by the Civil Service Commission and then presented to Council for action at a future Council Meeting.</i></p> |
| <p>3. Acceptance of the work of several contractors on Fire Station 46 - Pat Patterson</p> | <p><u> </u> Informational Update <u> X </u> Recommended for: <u> </u> Approval <u> </u> Approval with modifications <u> </u> Denial <u> X </u> Referred to <u> 2/9/10 RCM.</u></p> <p><i>Facilities Director Pat Patterson reported he will be bringing a Motion to the 2/9/10 RCM to accept the work of five more contractors who performed work on the new Fire Station 46 project, allowing him to close out these contracts and release bonds and retainage. Mr. Patterson noted there were added expenses related to one of the contractors, Veca Electric, which are for additional antennae cabling and data cabling for the Emergency Operations Center. This Motion would allow payment of the additional \$2,075.78 to that contractor. Mr. Patterson also distributed a revised Statement of Probable Cost and a spreadsheet providing his analysis and interpretation of the savings he says the City realized by using the construction manager approach instead of a general contractor to construct the fire station. A comparison to the construction cost of Lakeland Fire Station No. 33 in the Valley Regional Fire Authority was also distributed and reviewed.</i></p> |
| <p>4. Animal Control Governance Update - Soraya Lowry/ Annette Louie</p> | <p><u> X </u> Informational Update <u> </u> Recommended for: <u> </u> Approval <u> </u> Approval with modifications <u> </u> Denial <u> </u> Referred to _____.</p> <p><i>Program Manager Soraya Lowry reported staff has been attending weekly meetings with other cities to study this issue. Ms. Lowry summarized that King County has extended their deadline for ending animal sheltering from January 31, 2010 to June 30, 2010, providing time to develop an alternative regional plan for sheltering (as well as control and licensing) that includes an equitable allocation of costs and produces good public health, safety, and animal welfare outcomes. King County has indicated a willingness to continue to operate their shelter as long as cities share in an equitable distribution of costs.</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>Ms. Lowry noted SeaTac will need to determine if our needs are best met through a regional, sub-regional, local or hybrid option, and reviewed the specifics about each alternative (estimated cost, pro and cons, etc.). Contract cities are meeting bi-weekly with King County staff to identify issues and potential solutions. South King County cities have started meeting regularly with King County staff to focus on sub-regional issues, with the gap in sheltering capacity at the top of the list. Staff will continue to provide monthly updates to the Council Committees on the progress of their efforts. Police Captain Annette Louie distributed and reviewed a report for 2nd through 4th Quarters of 2009 for SeaTac enhanced services from King County Animal Care and Control.</i></p> |
| <p>5. SeaTac/ Airport Hide & Ride Parking Study - Soraya Lowry</p> | <p><u> X </u> Informational Update <u> </u> Recommended for: <u> </u> Approval <u> </u> Approval with modifications <u> </u> Denial <u> </u> Referred to _____.</p> <p><i>Ms Lowry distributed a report presenting the results of the recently completed SeaTac/Airport Station Hide and Ride Study. The study was conducted within approximately ½ mile of the light rail station to determine how much parking exists and how much is currently being utilized. Key findings included information that parking utilization within the study area averaged less than 20% across all time periods studied, and that restricted parking zones are the most commonly used and effective strategy for managing hide and ride parking. The report indicated there wasn't a serious parking problem in the area. Ms. Lowry noted that Sound Transit is enforcing no 24-hour parking. A study will be conducted after light rail starts to measure any parking changes in the neighborhood.</i></p> |
| <p>6. Redflex Red Light Violation Photo Enforcement Control Renewal - Jim Graddon/ Annette Louie</p> | <p><u> X </u> Informational Update <u> </u> Recommended for: <u> </u> Approval <u> </u> Approval with modifications <u> </u> Denial <u> X </u> Referred to <u>future council Meeting.</u></p> <p><i>Police Chief Jim Graddon reported that the 3 year contract with Redflex is coming to an end and staff is looking at three options the City has: 1) A 2 year contract extension to the existing contract; 2) cease the program in the City and provide proper notice to Redflex of that intent; or 3) renegotiate the contract, likely for a longer term. Staff thinks Option 1 is the best choice at this time, but seeks direction from the Council. Chief Graddon indicated violations have dropped 30-40%, proof that this program has addressed drivers' behavioral patterns. A summary of traffic accident statistics at various intersections around the City was distributed and reviewed. A summary of annual red light violation and tickets issued, as well as annual red light revenue and</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>expenditures, for the years 2007 through 2009 was distributed and reviewed. A majority of the accidents were caused by the driver failing to yield the right of way when turning right or left in the intersection, and several reported failure to stop accidents. Accidents were spread throughout the City, and the only high count showed up at the intersection of South 170th Street and International Boulevard. This intersection consistently has a number of accidents each year caused by drivers turning left in front of oncoming southbound traffic. A recommendation for the future of the red light violation photo enforcement contract will be presented to the Council for consideration at a future Council Meeting.</i></p> |
| <p>7. Pre-Disaster Facility Agreement w/ American Red Cross - Larry Ellis</p> | <p><u> X </u> Informational Update <u> </u> Recommended for: <u> </u> Approval <u> </u> Approval with modifications <u> </u> Denial <u> X </u> Referred to <u> RCM in March </u>.</p> <p><i>Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Larry Ellis presented a Pre-Disaster Facility Agreement with the American Red Cross to the committee for consideration. The pre-agreement has been approved by the Legal Department. The agreement would allow the SeaTac Community Center to be used by the Red Cross as a facility to temporarily shelter individuals and families who are victims of a disaster. There would be no monetary cost to the City; the Red Cross would provide beds, blankets, etc. to the victims. The Red Cross would also work with Animal Control to locate shelter for pets as they are not allowed in the Community Center. Use of the Community Center by the Red Cross would be subject to availability in the event of a disaster that occurs outside of the City of SeaTac. The City would reserve the right to decline usage as a Red Cross shelter if the Community Center is already booked for some other purpose. This matter will be presented to the Council at next month's Council Meeting.</i></p> |
| <p>8. Next Meeting</p> | <p>March 9, 2010</p> |