



# Public Safety and Justice Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2012  
4:00 PM  
Council Chambers

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:20pm
			Adjourn: 5:08pm
Tony Anderson, Chair	X		
Pam Fernald	X		
Gene Fisher		X	

Note: Item #1 reviewed jointly with Administration & Finance Committee

Other Councilmembers Present: Terry Anderson, Rick Forschler

Staff Coordinator: Fire Chief Jim Schneider and Police Chief Jim Graddon

<p>1. Animal Control Contract Update - Jim Graddon/Annette Louie</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>Chief Jim Graddon reported that the two year animal services contract that the City of SeaTac has with the Regional Animal Services of King County will expire on December 31, 2012. Chief Graddon advised that King County is seeking a non-binding preliminary notice from the City of our interest in continuing our negotiations. Notice is requested by February 1. The City Council will need to take action on this by the end of April as final notice must be given to King County by May 1, 2012. King County is in the process of recalculating service costs and staffing resources due to changes in the partnering cities that are participating under the current contract. Captain Annette Louie provided information on other options that are currently being looked at in addition to the regional contract: the City having their own animal control services; partnering sub-regionally, possibly with the City of Tukwila; or, partnering with a Burien private, non-profit agency C.A.R.E.S. (Community Animal Resources Education Society). Sheltering remains a big issue in the South King County area because of capacity. Options for suitable sheltering beyond the Kent facility are limited in the south end and cost is prohibitive. Councilmembers will be provided with more detailed information regarding the available options at the next council meeting.</i></p>
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<p>2. Memorandum of Understanding - Police &amp; Security Services on Sound Transit Properties located in the City of SeaTac - Jim Graddon</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval  <input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications  <input type="checkbox"/> Denial  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to <u>1/24 RCM.</u></p> <p><i>Chief Jim Graddon advised the committee that he will be coming before the councilmembers at an upcoming council meeting with a motion to allow City Manager Cutts to sign off on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding policing of the link light rail systems that are located on properties in the City of SeaTac (including Port property). With the addition of the South 200<sup>th</sup> Station in the near future, the MOU defines who is responsible for policing and securing the light rail stations between the City of SeaTac PD, Port of Seattle and Sound Transit Police. In addition, it clarifies issues such as who is responsible for notification of undercover operations that may take place at a station, notification of events or accidents that occur on the tracks, etc. The City's Legal Department has reviewed the MOU. Copies of the MOU will be provided to councilmembers for their review. Chief Graddon stated that the MOU should be ready to present at the next RCM that is scheduled on January 24.</i></p>
<p>3. Status of Future Consolidation Considerations Between the City of SeaTac and the Kent Fire Department RFA - Jim Schneider</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to <u>1/24 study session.</u></p> <p><i>Chief Jim Schneider reported that he is seeking the committee's approval to begin an exploratory study on the consolidation of fire services between the City of SeaTac Fire and Kent Fire Departments. Chief Schneider cited Central Pierce County and Snohomish County as examples of locations that currently have consolidated fire services. The first step in the process would be the formation of a consolidation task force that would be comprised of six work groups: operations, support services, administration, the union, governance and information technology. Each work group would study the feasibility of the consolidated services by coming up with questions and then visiting other jurisdictions that have been through the process to seek out answers to their questions; to determine what worked, what didn't work, etc. This process is expected to take about two months to complete. The SeaTac Council and the Kent RFA Governing Board would then be presented with a white paper for review and permission to proceed with a consolidation plan for services for their consideration. The plan would include a needs statement, jurisdictional</i></p>

	<p><i>boundaries, governance, organizational structure, personnel components, etc. Chief Schneider estimated that work on the plan could commence in June if it is approved by the SeaTac City Council and the Kent RFA Governing Board in May and that it would likely take six to seven months to complete. Committee members asked that they be given additional time to review the proposal for the exploratory process and asked that Chief Schneider bring the matter back to the next study session for further discussion.</i></p>
<p>4. 2011 Annual Incident Summary Report - Jim Schneider</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>Chief Jim Schneider distributed copies of the 2011 year end fire statistics. It was noted that EMS calls increased from 57.7% of the total calls for service in 2010 to 63.5% of the total calls for service in 2011.</i></p>
<p>5. Medical Marijuana Moratorium - Cindy Baker/Jim Graddon</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>City Attorney Mary Mirante-Bartolo advised the committee that the medical marijuana moratorium that had been approved by the City Council six months ago is set to expire on February 1. On January 24, the City Council will be asked for approval to extend the moratorium after the public hearing takes place. The public hearing will also be scheduled on January 24. Ms. Mirante-Bartolo stated that this issue will be discussed at the State Legislature soon. She added that there is also another bill that is before the legislature for the legalization of marijuana.</i></p> <p><i>Chief Graddon commented on some recent crime activity at medical marijuana dispensaries that are located in unincorporated King County. He added that the medical marijuana issue remains problematic with regard to enforcement due to the varying State and Federal restrictions.</i></p>

<p>6. Police Crime Statistics - Jim Graddon</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>Chief Jim Graddon distributed copies of police crime statistics covering the period of November/December 2011. Commercial burglaries increased from four to eight during the month. Chief Graddon noted, however, that four the eight burglaries occurred at construction sites rather than at commercial businesses. The unattended construction sites remain targets for metal thieves. Residential burglaries for the November/December time period decreased by 36%.</i></p>
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