



MINUTES

Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting

9:30 AM - June 20, 2018

City Hall Executive Briefing Room - Plaza 111, Sammamish, WA

Committee Members Present: Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama
Deputy Mayor Karen Moran
Councilmember Chris Ross

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: Director of Community Development Jeff Thomas
Management Analyst Mike Sugg
Emergency Manager Andrew Stevens
Senior Management Analyst David Goodman
Deputy Fire Chief Jon Parkinson
Police Chief Michelle Bennett
Administrative Assistant Tammy Mueller

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramiro Valderrama called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

April 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Karen Moran moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

TOPICS

King County District Court ILA Update

Senior Management Analyst David Goodman provided the Committee with an overview of the topic utilizing a [presentation](#). Bob Dowd, East Division Director of the King County District Court (KCDC), was also present and provided additional details to the Committee. Discussion followed.

- The Committee requested clarification regarding the difference between the KCDC's costs to

the City and the revenue generated by cases. The data provided to the Committee showed a deficit trend. Staff explained that criminal cases do not generate enough revenue to compensate for the cost of processing the case while others, like parking infractions, do. Criminal cases are increasing in Sammamish while parking and other infractions are not keeping pace. In addition, not everyone pays their dues.

- The Committee asked whether less than fully certified officers could be responsible for court transports rather than certified officers. Staff responded that neighboring cities employ limited commission police support officers to fulfill this role. It is an option available to Sammamish.
- The Committee requested the timeline for the initiation of video hearings at Issaquah jail. Staff responded that it is likely to pilot within six months. The Committee requested Staff to follow up with Issaquah jail and keep them apprised.

Police Services Study Project Update

BERK consultants Kristen Maitd and Brian Murphy provided the Committee with an update of the Police Services Study utilizing a [presentation](#). Discussion followed.

- The Committee requested the following changes to the presentation before it is presented to the full City Council:
 - Reflect that the Human Services Commission was represented in the stakeholder engagement process.
 - Share the comments behind the statistics of 'comfort calling Sammamish police,' 'confidence in ability of Sammamish police,' and 'adequacy of Sammamish police presence.'
 - Include the demographic composition of respondents.
- The Committee asked and Staff confirmed that Klahanie is still paying for patrols of off-duty officers. Post-annexation, they also receive Sammamish police services. This means that Klahanie has more police representation than elsewhere in the City, which may skew results of the surveys.
- The Committee acknowledged that the Sammamish Youth Board's input was valuable to the study but it is a skewed sample of Sammamish youth overall and may not be fully representative of all Sammamish youth's opinions.
- The Committee requested consideration of alternative, cost-saving strategies when investigating ways to address police service needs fueled by increasing growth in Sammamish alongside the traditional methods of hiring additional officers, changing the administrative model, and other cost-incurring strategies.

Fireworks Preparation Update

Police Chief Michelle Bennett updated the Committee on preparations for the Fourth on the Plateau event and firework violation enforcement.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Police Services Study (Ongoing 2018)

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.