



MINUTES

Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting

2:00 PM - January 30, 2019

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

Committee Members Present:

Deputy Mayor Karen Moran
Mayor Christie Malchow
Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present:

City Manager Larry Patterson
Management Analyst Mike Sugg
Fire Chief Jeff Clark
Police Chief Michelle Bennett
Administrative Sergeant Christine Elias
Administrative Sergeant Erik Thronson
Detective Samuel "Pete" Copeland
Management Analyst Tammy Mueller

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mayor Christie Malchow nominated Deputy Mayor Karen Moran to serve as Chair of the Public Safety Committee. No other nominations were made. Deputy Mayor Moran accepted the roll of Public Safety Committee Chair.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval: November 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama requested a consensus from the 2019 Public Safety Committee that it's purpose is to review issues of public safety and make recommendations to the full City Council. The Committee reaffirmed this.

TOPICS

Discussion: Police Services Study

Management Analyst Mike Sugg introduced the topic and a brief history of the Police Services Study in the City Council and Public Safety Committee previously. City Manager Larry Patterson affirmed that the Police are spread very thin and additional officers are needed, however how to finance additional officers will need to be examined. He recommended that, should the Committee recommend additional officers and a financing solution, that they do so all at once rather than a tiered approach. He also recommended that the Committee consider recommending a utility tax to generate the revenue needed to finance additional officers and possibly other public safety expenses. Discussion commenced.

- The Committee requested that the City Manager direct staff to calculate the cost to an average household, broken down into family of 4 and 65+ couple, should a utility tax be implemented. The preliminary analysis of a 1% utility tax on all utilities in Sammamish would cost, on average, a few dollars per month per household, though more analysis will be required.
- The Committee requested that the City Manager direct staff to provide the Committee data showing the costs associated with an total approach versus a phased approach, with each utility broken out should it be taxed at 1%.

Discussion: Eastside Fire & Rescue (EF&R) Community Meeting

Fire Chief Jeff Clark reported that EF&R will hold a community meeting on February 6, 2019, with the purpose of addressing the community's concerns over EF&R response times and coverage within the community.

- EF&R maintains that their deployment model has shifted but services are still top-notch and they are still able to meet their response time goals. Their cost avoidance strategy saved Sammamish residents approximately half a million dollars.
- The Committee requested that the City Manager direct staff to calculate a percentage of the City budget which will be dedicated to Public Safety.
- Chief Clark informed the Committee that EF&R's strategy is still to rent one temporary facility and acquire one permanent facility in the area. They are looking to have a facility on East Lake Sammamish Parkway which, once acquired, can be utilized in short order and will further allow EF&R to meet their response time goal of 6 minutes, 30 seconds 90% of the time to this area.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Fireworks

Police Update

EF&R Update

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

TBD

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.