

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
4:30 p.m.

Council

Hank Myers, Chair
John Stilin, Member
David Carson, Member
Byron Shutz (*Attending councilmember*)

Staff

Tommy Smith, Fire Chief
Mark Donnell, Firefighter Paramedic
Erik Scairpon, Police Commander
Ron Gibson, Police Chief
Shawn Fitzpatrick, Police Support Services
Supervisor
Dan Werr, Technical Systems Coordinator
Jim Jordan, Fire Captain
Bill Lyons, Firefighter Paramedic
Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Meeting Summary

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned 5:32 p.m.

Committee Chair Hank Myers opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda items, and noted Council members in attendance.

RAMPART Grant

Mr. Mark Donnell, Firefighter Paramedic, provided a brief update on the Regional Approach to Municipal Public AED Registry and Training (RAMPART) Grant. Redmond has been participating in this grant from King County over the last three years. The first year of the grant provided three AED's for the City Hall Building and provided training for City employees. The subsequent years of the grants have added additional AED's for the City facilities and for upgrades. The grant this year is for \$5,700 to purchase three additional AED's and to provide training for City employees.

General discussion ensued regarding the cost of AED's and what happens to the obsolete AED's.

Duvall Dispatch Contract

Police Chief Ron Gibson stated that this is a renewal of the agreement for dispatch services for the City of Duvall. The City of Carnation is now served by the King County Sheriff's Office, and is no longer part of the agreement. The agreement is for approximately \$105,000 for 2014, and \$108,000 for 2015. Commander Erik Scairpon stated that Duvall has a drastically reduced workload than Redmond. This contract is different because it removed the services for Carnation and added a due date for the payments.

General discussion ensued regarding if the contract amount reasonably compensates Redmond for the use of materials, software, and effort.

Records Fee Proposal

Police Chief Ron Gibson stated that the last time the Police records fee was updated was in 2009. The fees are going up by an average of \$1.90 for requests that are up to five pages. Requests over five pages can go up by \$6.85. The Police Department is trying to recover the cost of doing business.

Ms. Shawn Fitzpatrick, Police Support Services Supervisor, stated that it used to be a \$5 flat fee. The increase is based on the increase in salaries and postage, and the number of pages. If the increase is not enacted by law, the charge has to be \$0.15 per page.

General discussion ensued regarding if the last update included some reduction of the cost and what the cost recovery percentage is.

Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements for Spillman Server Upgrade

Mr. Dan Werr, Technical Systems Coordinator, stated that the Spillman system is not performing as it should be and needs to be upgraded. The upgrade will work with the Issaquah dispatch server to provide a backup in case the Redmond server goes down. Everything in this upgrade is specific to the Spillman tools, and it would not be reasonable to seek other vendors. The Police Department needs a waiver to the competitive bidding process from the Council. The contract is for approximately \$224,000.

General discussion ensued regarding the details of the upgrade, and where this item should be placed on the Council agenda.

Professional Services Contract for LR Kimball to Conduct Computer Aided Dispatch System Needs Assessment

Mr. Dan Werr, Technical Systems Coordinator, stated that most of last year was spent analyzing the feasibility of whether to move Fire dispatch to the Police Department. The decision was to contract a third-party to conduct the needs assessment. The contract is for approximately \$58,000. LR Kimball was chosen as the vendor out of five applicants.

Special Needs Patients in NE King County

Fire Chief Tommy Smith reported that special needs patients are often discharged from a hospital and the Fire Department does not know that the person has special needs. Now there is a program that identifies the person with special needs. A paramedic or firefighter will go to the home and discuss the needs before there is an emergency.

BLSMC Pilot Comparison

Fire Chief Tommy Smith reported that the Basic Life Support Medical Control (BLSMC) program was so successful that it was expanded to South King County. Fire Captain Jim Jordan stated that technology has allowed many patients to live at home instead of staying in the hospital. The challenge was to get this medical information to first responders. The patients are visited in their homes to make them comfortable that firefighters and paramedics know about their situation. The information is then disseminated to the first responders through interview sheets that have been compiled for the patient, and is put in each of the Fire and Aid vehicles. Dispatch is also notified about the special needs. Fire Captain Jordan would like to have this information distributed electronically, but the current issue is how to accomplish that without violating the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA). Information Services is working on a solution.

Mr. Bill Lyons, Firefighter Paramedic, stated that there is a disconnect with how much training a paramedic has and he wanted to change that. Mr. Lyons started a pilot program that analyzed the low frequency high risk patients that paramedics see. Through the pilot program, the paramedics would consult with a physician when they are on a call. Physicians agreed with 84.7 percent of the decisions made by paramedics in the field to leave the patient at home instead of taking the patient to a hospital. This program has expanded to Woodinville, Kirkland, and Duvall. The second six month pilot program was just completed. This has become a standard of care in King County.

General discussion ensued regarding if Redmond could be held liable if the information is inaccurate; vial of life; and automated information from hospitals.

2014 Stay Active and Independent for Life Injury Prevention Grant

Fire Chief Tommy Smith stated that this is a grant provided by King County for approximately \$5,000. This will be on the Council's consent agenda. The grant provides funds for the Parks Department for fall prevention classes.

General discussion ensued regarding if it is an established curriculum that can be transplanted to other areas.

2014-2015 Committee Work Plan

Councilmember Myers talked with both Chief Smith and Chief Gibson about items to put on the committee's work plan, and invited others to add items also. A completed list will be circulated before the first committee meeting in February.