

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, March 26, 2012
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 104 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue N.

PRESENT: Mayor McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Eggen, and Councilmembers Hall, McConnell, Roberts, Salomon, and Winstead

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Julie Underwood, City Manager; Ian Sievers, City Attorney; Dan Pingrey, Police Chief; Scott Passey, City Clerk

GUEST: Steve Strachan, Chief Deputy, King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO)

At 5:55 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor McGlashan, who presided.

Dan Pingrey, Police Chief, led a discussion regarding the following topics:

- The increase in Major Accident Response and Reconstruction (MARR) activity in 2011 and its associated costs,
- Several cost savings measures implemented and others to consider for the future, and
- Medical Cannabis Collective Garden enforcement issues.

There were Council questions regarding how the MARR costs have been projected in the past; staff explained that it is based on a three-year rolling average. Chief Pingrey explained the process of projecting costs and then final reconciliation with the actual costs at the beginning of the following year. Although there were no definitive causes for the significant increase in MARR costs due to the many factors involved, Chief Deputy Strachan noted that MARR is a good risk-management tool.

The Council and staff discussed the cost projections in more detail. It was noted that the City pays for various police services in advance based on the rolling average. Chief Pingrey pointed out that the City can renegotiate the contract with King County at any point. Staff expressed a desire to have the Administrative Services Director analyze the police contract and provide a recommendation.

Chief Pingrey continued his presentation, explaining the various cost-saving measures implemented by the police department. He expressed appreciation for the Council's support of the impound fee policy, which has been a very successful program. He also

discussed the success of the 4/10 work schedule, which has been effective in terms of addressing sick leave, overtime, and training issues. He explained that the 4/10 schedule allows the police to respond to calls requiring a higher level of service, and it has also reduced overtime. He discussed the partnership with the City of Kenmore in which Shoreline officers provide supervisory services. Chief Deputy Strachan commented on the advantage of leveraging the King County Sheriff's Office. He noted that the policy of partnering with other cities is on the cutting edge of progressive law enforcement.

After further discussion, it was decided that Ms. Underwood would follow up with the City of Kenmore regarding the partnership. Councilmember Winstead emphasized the need to put Shoreline first and expressed some concern about using Shoreline's police resources in other cities. Chief Pingrey pointed out that staffing and visibility in Shoreline will always be driven by the City Council.

Turning to the topic of Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens, Chief Pingrey expressed a strong opinion about the difficulty of enforcing the City's regulations and suggested revising the ordinance. Councilmembers shared various opinions, with some commenting that enforcement of collective gardens should not be a high priority. The Council and staff discussed various aspects of the collective garden regulations, including licensing, enforcement, profitability, and consistency with state law.

Finally, Chief Deputy Strachan commented on the budget, pointing out that the KCSO is looking for a sustainable contract in the current economic environment.

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk