

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, May 9, 2016
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor Roberts (Arrived at 6:36 p.m.), Deputy Mayor Winstead, Councilmembers McGlashan, Scully, Hall, McConnell, and Salomon,

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Shawn Ledford, Police Chief; Mark Konoske, Police Captain; Troy Olmsted, Police Captain; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: None

At 5:50 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Winstead. She announced that Sheriff Urquhart would not be attending the meeting due to an urgent Sheriff's Office service call.

Ms. Tarry explained that the City of Shoreline is one of 12 cities that contract with King County for police services. She shared that the police contract is the City's largest annual expenditure and represents one-third of the budget. She also pointed out that Shoreline Citizen's Survey results identified police services as the highest priority service. She talked about the great leadership and police services the City receives. She apprised the Council that she meets quarterly with the Sheriff and on a regular basis with the Police Chief.

Chief Ledford described the challenges the Police Department have been experiencing with the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) mandated by the Federal Government.

Councilmembers expressed concern that the new reporting system will show that crime has increased and cautioned against being placed in the precarious position of trying to explain why. They suggested the Police continue to use the current system for collecting data and reporting until such a time that NIBRS can provide comparison data.

Chief Ledford explained that the Sheriff is hesitant to use police body cameras until Public Record Request Policy and protection of the victims in cases like sexual assault and domestic violence are addressed.

Chief Ledford shared that the Police is working with the District Attorney's Office to address King County's heroin crises. He stated the Police Department will be partnering with the community to initiate outreach and education regarding drug overdosing, and installing

prescription drop boxes. Captain Konoske shared having police carry Narcan, a medication used to block the effects of an opiate overdose, is also being evaluated.

Chief Ledford informed the Council that the Sheriff's Office is facing a \$7.6 Million budget cut, which may result in the discontinuation of the Helicopter and Marine Units. However, the ultimate budget decision will be with the King County Council.

Chief Ledford discussed diversity personnel recruitment efforts, and explained that there is a lack of diversity in the Academy's graduation pool. He said they are hoping to add a woman and a Hispanic Officer to their staff.

Councilmember Salomon commented on the importance of possessing a mentality and approach toward policing that supports de-escalation efforts. Chief Ledford responded that the Shoreline Police Department follows the LEAD (Listen, Explain with Equity and Dignity) Principal when policing. Councilmember Salomon expressed that he hopes LEAD is a culture that is spreading across King County.

At 6:42 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk