

**MINUTES
FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FAIRVIEW CITY HALL
300 HARRISON
FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024**

MAY 27, 1998 -- 7:00pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER/
ROLL CALL**

Mayor Vonderharr called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Vonderharr
Councilor Dave McCutcheon
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor Len Edwards
Councilor James Raze
Councilor Sherry Lillard

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator
Caren Huson, City Recorder
Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police
Doug Aden, Sergeant
Jim Keyser, Paul Wecks, Bill Wood,
Bernie Meyer, Mike Kellogg, all
Police Officers
Robin Ducey, Steve Bevens, both Police
Reserves
Nancy Bergeron, Police Office Assistant

Also present was Robb Pierson,
Fairview Resident

**II.PURPOSE OF WORK
SESSION**

Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police, stated that the purpose of the Work Session was to have Council meet the entire Fairview Police Department, of which each Officer would brief the Council on their area of expertise. Chief Jackson reported that his main area of expertise was the City's Rifle Program, which was not meant to take the place of handguns, but it does provide superior shot placement and range. Fairview Police Officers attend a qualification course, and the City's 1998/99 Budget provides for additional rifles. Chief Jackson commented that rifles were a sensitive issue, and that the Officers do not brag about them or flash them around.

Councilor Owen questioned what a comfortable distance was for a rifle. Chief Jackson responded that a rifle's range was 10 yards to 150 yards, with the average range being 76 yards. Councilor Lillard asked how much range time each Officer put in for rifle training. Chief Jackson responded that all Officers must qualify four times a year, and must hit the target each time the rifle was fired.

III.POLICE VEHICLES

Doug Aden, Police Sergeant, reported that the City had four front-line vehicles used on a daily basis, one back-up vehicle, two unmarked cars, and one utility car. All Police vehicles were serviced by the Multnomah County Shop. Sergeant Aden stated that, as part of a grant which the City received, all City radios were upgraded to 800mhz frequency. Councilor Raze questioned the years of the Police Vehicles and the highest mileage. Sergeant Aden responded that the City had three 1996 vehicles, one 1995, one 1993, one 1991, and one 1988, with the highest mileage being 83,000 miles.

Sergeant Aden stated that the City also received computers, through a grant, which allows the Police Department to connect directly to the Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC), the Internet, and other agencies, and that the same information would also be available in the Police vehicles.

Councilor Lillard asked Sergeant Aden what the one thing was that he would like the City to provide the Police Department. Sergeant Aden responded that that would probably be a new City Hall and more office space for the Police Department.

IV. RESERVES/MAJOR CRIME TEAM

Jim Keyser, Police Officer, reported that one of his assignments is the City's Reserve Program. The City currently has two Reserves, and has one of the best Reserve Programs in the area as about 85% of Fairview Reserves have gone on to full-time Police Officer status. Officer Keyser stated that he was currently developing a Reserve training manual, and that he has been working with Troutdale's training sessions. Officer Keyser mentioned that the City would soon be testing for additional Reserves, and that the City sets its Reserve qualifications at the same level as that for regular officers.

Officer Keyser stated that his favorite area of responsibility was his participation in the East County Major Crime Team which allowed him to work alongside the leading detectives in Multnomah County. The Team has 14-16 members, with the average investigation taking three days and the case then turned over to lead detectives. Officer Keyser reported that the Team responds to any serious assault, homicide, rape, etc., and that the Team has had 19 call-out's, with only one case remaining unsolved. Councilor Lillard questioned how Officer Keyser was selected for the Team. Officer Keyser responded that Chief Jackson had given him the opportunity. Mayor Vonderharr asked who represented the Team. Officer Keyser responded that the Team consisted of members of the Fairview, Gresham, and Troutdale Police Departments, along with representatives of the District Attorney, Oregon State Police and Multnomah County, with the Coroner's Office anticipated to be involved soon. Councilor McCutcheon questioned if there were any jurisdictional problems as to who the lead investigator of the Team would be. Officer Keyser responded that whomever receives the initial call-out was usually the lead investigator, but that all members of the Team work well together.

Councilor Lillard asked Officer Keyser what his one wish from the City would be. Officer Keyser responded that his wish would be more Officers to provide more service.

V. FIREARMS

Bill Wood, Police Officer, stated that he had worked for the City for nine years, and that his area of expertise was firearms. Officer Wood explained that he had taken the BPST course, a lease-lethal instructor course (bean-bag rifles), and courses from Portland and the National Rifle Association. Officer Wood indicated that he occasionally assists in training at the Academy. Officer Wood reported that Fairview Officers are allowed to carry the handgun they feel most comfortable with, and that the .45 SigSauer is probably the favorite gun of choice; all handguns are semi-automatic. Officer Wood stated that Fairview Officers must qualify in handguns and shotguns quarterly, certify twice a year in less-lethal training, and once a year participate in a Portland course on defensive tactics.

Councilor McCutcheon questioned how many bean bag rifles the City owned. Officer Wood responded that the City currently had three bean bag rifles and hopefully would receive a fourth.

Councilor Owen asked what the Police coverage for Fairview currently was. Chief Jackson responded that coverage in Fairview is almost 24 hours. Councilor Lillard questioned what type of training was provided for mental evaluations at the scene of

a crime. Chief Jackson responded that all Officers have been through the Academy; they did not have PhD's, but they need to perform as one at the scene of crimes. Councilor Lillard asked if the Police Department had a professional psychologist they could call on as back-up. Chief Jackson responded no, and that they may have only 15 seconds to make a decision. Councilor Lillard questioned if Fairview had a good partnership with the Reynolds School District. Chief Jackson responded that the City has a very good relationship with Fairview Elementary School and Reynolds Middle School.

Mayor Vonderharr commented that the City would always back its Police Officers in the decisions they must make, as all the Officers have gone through extensive training.

Councilor Lillard asked Officer Wood what his one wish from the City would be. Officer Wood responded that more officers were needed in order for Fairview to have complete 24-hour coverage.

VI. DUII

Paul Wecks, Police Officer, stated that he had been with the City for six years, with two of those years being a Reserve Officer. Officer Wecks reported that alcohol was probably the No. 1 abused drug, and that in 1997, they had 43 arrests and 11 assists. Officer Wecks explained that a DUII arrest could be very time consuming, taking up to two hours, and described the procedures that are followed in making a DUII arrest. Officer Wecks stated that the procedures were lengthy, but worth it, as being hit by a drunk driver is one of the most violent crimes committed against a person. Officer Wood added that he had a video that the Council was welcome to view after the Work Session.

Councilor McCutcheon questioned whether an Officer could search a car for intoxicants after a DUII arrest was made. Officer Wecks responded yes. Councilor McCutcheon asked if the Officers had access to drug dogs. Officer Wecks responded yes.

Officer Wecks reported that he also works with the City's Neighborhood Watch program, and that it was important to have citizens involved in watching their neighborhoods, and the Officers like to have support from the residents. Councilor Owen questioned how many Neighborhood Watch groups had been organized. Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator, responded that the City had probably 10 or 12 groups that had been formed. Mayor Vonderharr suggested that at the City's next Street Faire, that more information be made available on Neighborhood Watch.

Councilor Lillard asked Officer Wecks what his one wish from the City would be. Officer Wecks responded that his wish would be more Officers and the continued support of the Council.

VII. BICYCLE PROGRAM

Bernie Meyer, Police Officer, stated that he had been with the City for four years, three of those as a full-time Officer. Officer Meyer reported that last year the City had initiated a Bicycle Patrol program, and for a City the size of Fairview, Bicycle Patrols worked well. Officer Meyer stated that usually two Officers at a time would patrol by bicycle, with a car taking the calls. Officer Meyer indicated that the Bicycle Patrol was a good way to meet the residents of the City, and that one could access areas that cars could not. Officer Meyer added that the Bicycle Patrol should work really well in Fairview Village once it was completed. Councilor McCutcheon stated that the Bicycle Patrol also makes the Officers more approachable from the citizen standpoint.

Councilor Owen questioned if the City relied on Multnomah County in patrolling Chinook Landing as it seems like quite a bit of activity occurs there. Officer Meyer responded that Fairview Officers drive through Chinook Landing quite often, and

that there have been quite a few problems there. Mayor Vonderharr asked if the boat ramp was also covered by Fairview Police. Chief Jackson responded that the boat ramp was owned by Metro and that they contract with Multnomah County for enforcement. Mayor Vonderharr commented that perhaps Metro could contract with Fairview to provide enforcement services, and that maybe that could assist in providing another Officer for the City.

Councilor Lillard asked Officer Meyer what his one wish of the City would be. Officer Meyer responded that he would like to see more Officers.

VIII.PURSUIITS

Mike Kellogg, Police Officer, stated that he was the City's most recent hire, being full-time for about a year and serving as a Reserve for two years prior to that. Officer Kellogg stated that he did not really have a specific area of expertise, but explained the equipment used in pursuits, including Stop-Sticks and Piranha Sticks. Officer Kellogg also described some of the equipment contained in the Police vehicles.

Councilor Lillard asked Officer Kellogg what his one wish from the City would be. Officer Kellogg responded that more Officers were needed, and also more equipment.

IX.ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Nancy Bergeron, Police Office Assistant, reported that she began working for the Police Department in July 1997, and that her responsibilities consisted of: answering Police Department telephone calls; preparing all Police written materials; filing Police reports; handling Officer subpoenas; processing vehicle tow releases; and maintaining computer systems. Councilor Edwards asked what the cost of a tow release was. Ms. Bergeron responded that the City charges \$50.00 for a tow release, and that she issues two to three releases a week. Ms. Bergeron added that the Tow Desk Dispatcher has a list of tow companies that they rotate using, and if a tow company would like to be on that list, they are regulated in their fees.

Councilor McCutcheon questioned if the City had its own data base on local offenders. Chief Jackson responded that the City recently received a revised computer program, and once it was fine-tuned, will begin building its own data base.

Councilor Lillard asked Ms. Bergeron what her one wish from the City would be. Ms. Bergeron responded that more office space was needed.

X.RESERVES

Robin Ducey, Reserve Officer, stated that he has been with the City for one year, and provided a brief history of the Reserve Program in Oregon. Officer Ducey stated that Fairview officially began its Reserve Program in 1987, and that Fairview Reserves were hired at the same level as a regular Police Officer. Officer Ducey explained the extensive testing and background checks which were performed on prospective Reserves. Once they are chosen to be a Fairview Reserve Officer, they must attend the Reserve Academy for nine months, consisting of two evenings a week and 6-8 Saturday courses. Officer Ducey added that his regular full-time job is that of a manager for a home health care organization.

Councilor Lillard asked Officer Ducey what his one wish of the City would be. Officer Ducey responded that it seemed as if the Council was already doing the things that were needed, and added that the Fairview Police Department was a high quality, top-notch agency.

Steve Bevens, Reserve Officer, stated that he has been a Reserve for Fairview for about 9 months, commenting that Fairview has a reputation for having a great Reserve program and that their hiring percentage was high. Officer Bevens reported that a Reserve will begin riding with a full-time Officer for about seven months, with the regular Officer deciding when it was time for the Reserve to go

solo. However, another officer is always on duty also, and dispatch will not give Reserves any calls; the Reserves' main focus is to cover the regular Officers. Officer Bevens stated that most jurisdictions require a Reserve to put in 16 hours of work a month, but that he and Officer Ducey were actually putting in 40-60 hours a month. Officer Bevens reported that the Reserves were rated on everything they did, and added that the Fairview Officers treat the Reserves as if they were one of the regulars. Officer Bevens stated that his full-time employment was that of loss prevention for a retailer.

Councilor McCutcheon applauded both of the Reserve Officers and asked if either of them would like to be a full-time Officer. Officer Bevens responded that he would definitely like to be a full-time Officer; Officer Ducey responded that he, too, would like to be a full-time Officer but that it was not possible at this point in time.

Councilor Owen commented that the Reserves had unbelievable commitment, and that they were way above in their volunteer hours as opposed to the Council, and that in addition, they put their lives on the line. Officer Keyser added that the two present Reserves were superior and that their evaluations could not get much better.

Councilor Lillard asked Officer Bevens what his one wish of the City would be. Officer Bevens responded that the City definitely needed more Officers.

Administrator Holstrom stated that most Police Departments have a budget for their Officers and the overtime they work; Fairview has a lack of an overtime budget, so the Officers are paid in Comp Time, but Comp Time does remove Officers from active duty. Administrator Holstrom commented that the Council may at some point want to consider an Overtime expense. Administrator Holstrom explained her vision of having a "dummy" police vehicle parked in various areas of the City where there was a speeding problem so that the offenders would slow down when they see the vehicle; once the offenders figure out the "dummy" vehicle, actual Officers would then be placed. Administrator Holstrom stated that a similar program had been successful in Tigard.

XI.CONCLUSION

In closing, Chief Jackson stated that the Fairview Police Department was still a fairly young organization, and was surrounded by large entities such as Gresham and Multnomah County; however, Fairview is held at a high standard as we have kept up, even though we may have to dig for resources. Mayor Vonderharr thanked all the Officers for their presentations.

XII.ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Raze moved and Councilor Edwards seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Vonderharr adjourned the Work Session at 9:35pm.

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor, City of Fairview

Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder