

**MINUTES
FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FAIRVIEW CITY HALL
1300 NE VILLAGE STREET
FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024**

February 5, 2003 -- 5:45pm

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

Mayor Weatherby called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Weatherby
Councilor Darrell Cornelius
Councilor Sherry Lillard
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor Len Edwards
Councilor James Raze
Councilor Jim Trees

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator
Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police
Roy Wall, Finance Director
John Andersen, Community Development
Director
Caren Huson, City Recorder

II. POLICING

Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator, asked Council three questions: 1) where does the Council want the Fairview Police Department to go from here; 2) do we want to retain our own Police Department or contract with another agency for law enforcement services; and, 3) if Fairview does retain its own Police Department, how should she solicit applications for the next Police Chief as Chief Jackson has mentioned that he will retire within a year or so.

Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police, reported that the Fairview Police Department actually began in 1980 and that currently the Department provides the following services: patrol, emergency planning, range and defensive tactics, school resource officer, reserve program, gangs, property room, mutual aid, has a member on the child abuse team and major crimes team. The Police Department contracts for records management, but does not participate on the fatal investigation team or the County special investigation unit. Chief Jackson listed the following crimes that Fairview officers deal with: alarms, arson, assault, burglary, drugs, family disturbances, gangs,

rapes, robberies, sex offenders, shootings, stabbings, theft, vandalism, etc. Chief Jackson commented that Fairview has 1.24 officers per 1,000 population, that the City of Sandy has 2 per 1,000, and that the County Sheriff has .98 per 1,000.

Mayor Weatherby reported that he had met with Sheriff Bernie Giusto, along with Councilors Owen and Edwards. Sheriff Giusto had proposed that the City replace their Chief, once he retires, with a Sheriff Lieutenant through a contract with the County. Sheriff Giusto felt that if this were to happen that they would provide better coordination on criminal activities on a county-wide basis, and supposedly we would receive all the support of the other divisions in the Sheriff's Office. Mayor Weatherby stated that his personal preference was that Fairview retain its own Police Chief and not contract with the County.

Councilor Edwards concurred that he wished for Fairview to have its own Police Chief as the County only provides three cars east of 122nd Avenue. Councilor Edwards added that if we were to contract with the County that they could pull one of our officers for duty elsewhere in the County; also, Fairview has a strong force within our city boundary and we need our own Chief and Police Department.

Councilor Cornelius agreed with Councilor Edwards and questioned why the County would want to contract with Fairview. Councilor Owen responded that Sheriff Giusto spoke to "improvement in communication" as one reason. Councilor Owen added that property owners in Fairview already fund the Sheriff's office through property taxes, so we deserved assistance from them anyway. Councilor Cornelius commented that we need to look in this budget year for one or two additional officers.

Councilor Raze mentioned that he sees the Sheriff in Fairview as often as Fairview officers, and that he thought our Police Department was not really the best it could be right now. The answer wasn't simply more officers, but strengthening what we have now. Councilor Raze stated that he did not think we should contract with the County.

Councilor Lillard and Councilor Trees also stated that Fairview should have its own Chief and Police Department.

Councilor Raze stated that when it comes time to recruit for a new Police Chief that the Administrator should advertise externally so that we obtain the best that there is; Fairview officers were always welcome to apply.

III. GOAL SETTING

Administrator Briggs reviewed all of the suggested goals from Council and asked if any Council member wished to add any clarification on some of the goal suggestions.

Councilor Cornelius clarified that he would like to see the Town Center remain commercially zoned and not changed to residential. Councilor Trees clarified that he would like to see the Community Center used for more community events such as a children’s theatre, senior center, learning center, etc.

After reviewing all of the goal suggestions received, Council was asked to vote for their Top 4 Goals for 2003.

A tally was taken and the Goals were narrowed down to the following five:

- Economic Development
- Community Center
- Citizen Advisory Committee
- Preserve the Character of Old Town with an Emphasis on Nuisance Control
- Preserve the Town Center as a viable commercial center.

Administrator Briggs asked Council to draft the description of each goal and submit them to the City Recorder by Friday, February 14, 2003.

The following Councilors volunteered to draft the descriptive paragraphs:

Economic Development - Councilors Raze and Owen
 Community Center - Councilors Lillard and Trees
 Citizen Advisory Committee - Councilors Lillard and Cornelius
 Old Town - Councilor Edwards and Mayor Weatherby
 Town Center - Councilors Trees, Cornelius, and Edwards

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Raze moved and Councilor Lillard seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Weatherby adjourned the meeting at 8:51pm.

AYES: 7
 NOES: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Mike Weatherby

Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder