



King County

Metropolitan King County Council
Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

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Proposed No.:	<u>2011-0232</u>	Prepared By:	<u>John Resha</u>

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Ordinance 2011-0232 would authorize the Executive to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the cities of Covington, Kenmore, Maple Valley, Newcastle and Woodinville, and the Muckleshoot Tribe to address additional space considerations for KCSO staff beyond that provided for in our existing Interlocal Agreements for Law Enforcement Services (ILAs) with those jurisdictions.

BACKGROUND:

The KCSO provides law enforcement services for County and State laws in King County. It has both regional and local unincorporated areas responsibilities. In addition to local and regional law enforcement services, The KCSO provides contracted law enforcement through approximately fifty agreements. These contracts include:

- Local Police agency for twelve suburban cities
- Transportation police for Metro, Sound Transit and the King County Airport
- Tribal police for the Muckleshoot
- Housing Authority policing in two communities
- Fire investigations in fifteen cities
- Marine patrol for eight cities
- Air support for the Coast Guard, Washington Department of Ecology and King County Department of Natural Resources

In addition to providing local law enforcement services, the KCSO has a number of regional responsibilities, including the operation of the county's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), E-911 call and dispatch, and King County Search and Rescue, and air and marine patrol. The Sheriff is also responsible for armed security in the county's courthouses.

King County Sheriff's Office Reorganization

In 2010, the Sheriff began implementing significant portions for a KCSO reorganization. These actions included:

- Realigning Precinct 2 (North/East: North Bend, Woodinville, Kenmore, Sammamish, and Skykomish) and Precinct 3 (East/South: Covington, Maple Valley, Newcastle, Muckleshoot Tribe, and Beaux Arts Village) into a new single East Precinct under a single command structure.
- Realigning the Office by consolidating management structures, shifting Special Operations into its support role of Patrol Operations, and identifying a senior professional manager (Chief Deputy) for KCSO.
- Realigning the facilities and operational functions under the new structures.

These reorganization efforts have been focused on increasing operational efficiencies and reducing costs. The next step in the Sheriff's identified reorganization is facility consolidation.

In June, the Budget and Fiscal Management committee reviewed a package of legislation including a lease for new facilities to consolidate two precinct offices into a new East Precinct Command Center (2011-0231), a supplemental appropriation ordinance (2011-0233) and a motion (2011-0234) supporting the surplus of the two former precinct offices. Additionally, this piece of legislation, Proposed Ordinance 2011-0232, authorizing the signing of agreements for subleases of support facilities at various local policing locations was also heard. The first three pieces of legislation, (2011-0231, 2011-0233 and 2011-0234) were passed out of committee and unanimously adopted by Council on July 5, 2011. The remaining piece of legislation, Proposed Ordinance 2011-0232, was not moved forward for technical reasons, as the agreements with the various communities were not yet in final form.

ANALYSIS:

As noted in previous staff reports, the lynchpin to the success of this organizational model is changing the operational practices of KCSO and its deputies. By moving to a centralized command center, while at the same time decentralizing individual operations, a number of operational benefits can be achieved:

- Sergeants will be convening once a week, squad-based roll call at a decentralized location, rather than the daily roll call of all officers at a single location, thereby reducing mandatory drive time when an officer could be in their area of responsibility;
- Officers will have local report locations that are closer to their specific patrol areas;

- Physical space requirements for operations are dramatically reduced from 24,000 square feet to 5,200 square feet;
- Through the decentralized reporting, individual officers create connections with contract city officers and operations to increase collaboration; and
- Through having officers report to decentralized locations, the proactive value of the presence of law enforcement enhances all of our contract cities.

The five attached agreements provide for these decentralized individual operational efficiencies. The agreements with Covington and Maple Valley are in the form of a Sublease Agreement rather than a Memorandum of Agreement, as the shared facilities with the City are in leased locations.

The agreements do not change the anticipated and previously approved funding/costs associated with these facilities.

The attachments to each of the new agreements also identify "savings", which is not universally addressed in the agreements. This savings is reflective of the savings to the cities associated with the reductions of moving from two larger precincts to the new smaller East Precinct Command Center. Council's legal staff did not see this issue as one of concern.

The agreement with the City of Woodinville was not ready, and rather than holding all of the agreements, the Executive and Sheriff have requested that other five agreements move forward under this legislation. When a final sixth agreement is ready for the Woodinville-area local report location, the Executive will transmit separate legislation appropriate to that agreement.

The agreements have been reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office as Council's legal staff and no additional issues have been identified.

AMENDMENT

Amendment 1 and Title Amendment T1 have been prepared to reflect the different final forms of the five agreements and the removal of the Woodinville agreement from this legislation. As the costs and conditions are not changing from previous Council deliberations, staff views these amendments as technical in nature.

REASONABLENESS:

Action on Proposed Ordinances 2011-023, as amended by Amendments 1 and T1, represents a reasonable business decision in support of the policy decisions made through the broader East Precinct Command Center legislative package.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Ordinance 2011-0232
2. Transmittal Letter Dated May 11, 2011
3. Fiscal Note
4. Amendment 1 with new Attachments A, B, C, D, and E
5. Amendment T1