

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:
Councilmember Joan Bloom
Councilmember Strom Peterson

STAFF PRESENT:
Al Compaan, Chief of Police
Jim Lawless, Assistant Chief of Police
Debbie Dawson, Animal Control Officer
Carrie Hite, HR Reporting Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

1. Edmonds City Code Updates

Councilmember Bloom requested clarification on Item D. Even though this is the current language, she wanted to clarify the current practice. She would like to amend this to say "Council President approves travel and training for Councilmembers and Boards and Commissions." Councilmember Peterson agreed. This will be amended, and forwarded to City Council for approval on the consent agenda.

2. Robert's Rules

Jeff recalled that council agreed to adopt Roberts Rules in its entirety, and use a shortened version. He also suggested that we want to get training through Jurassic Parliament or perhaps MRSC. There are also self study options that could be purchased for Council library.

We agreed to schedule training to be put on agenda for a work session. Suggest someone from MRSC be asked to present.

3. Amendment to Edmonds City Code Chapter 5.14 – Marijuana

The Committee discussed a proposed ordinance amending the provisions of Edmonds City Code Chapter 5.14 relating to controlled substances, Paraphernalia, poisons and toxic fumes. The Committee forwarded the ordinance to City Council to place on the Consent Agenda with an approval recommendation.

4. Animals Roaming at Large

With Al Compaan and animal control officer, Debbie Dawson, discussed adding "with the exclusion of licensed, spayed and neutered cats" to the animals roaming at large ordinance. Agreed that Debbie Dawson will bring information related to licensing of cats to next Public Safety/Personnel Committee meeting.

5. Discussion Regarding Language to Include on Agendas Related to Public Comment

Agreed to adopt Frank Yamamoto's suggested language into the Council Meeting Procedures on the city website

6. Public Comment

Bruce Witenberg:

Re: questions at end of committee meeting- if not allowing, articulate what has been the problem in the past.

Re: Adoption of Roberts' rules. Pointed out that there is a way to reconsider a vote. Can be brought back by someone on the prevailing side of the issue. Don't know about the time frame.

Suggests training be held in council chambers so public can become educated about new rules as well.

Roger Hertrich:

Mr. Hertrich agreed with every one of Mr. Witenberg points.

Re: roaming at large, suggested starting with a simple change such as licensing of cats. Evaluate the results.

Re: Roberts' rules- Don't feel adoption of full rules is necessary. Like casual aspect of meeting, don't get too sticky about procedure.

Re: Boards and commissions- choice of Mayor, sometimes in conflict with Council. Suggests applications be available to all (Council and Mayor) prior to final selection.

Council members Peterson and Bloom explained to Mr. Wittenberg that it was not our intention to eliminate the option of citizens asking questions at a committee meeting. The intent was that the council members at the meeting would ask staff to answer the question(s), if the council member felt it was appropriate to do so.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.