

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**MAY 13, 2014**

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**Elected Officials Present:**  
Councilmember Fraley-Monillas  
Councilmember Peterson

**City Staff Present:**  
James Lawless, Assistant Police Chief

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**A. Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County for Jail Services**

Assistant Chief Lawless provided information on an Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services with Yakima County.

Assistant Chief Lawless provided a brief historical background surrounding the agreements with various entities that provide contract jail services for the Edmonds Police Department. Those agreements are currently with the City of Lynnwood, Chelan County and Snohomish County.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas enquired as to the methodology for determining what facility would be used and when. Assistant Chief Lawless advised that it was situational, as all felons were the responsibility of the Washington State Department of Corrections, but the individual police department was responsible for the housing of all misdemeanants. Most short-term commitments would be housed at the Snohomish County Jail, it is in the case of long-term misdemeanor commitments that we would utilize Chelan and Yakima Counties as it was significantly less expensive. That said, in cases where the individual had on-going, pending cases, would not be realistic to transport the person back and forth across the state.

**Action:** Forward to full Council for approval on Consent Agenda.

**B. Amending Ordinance – Avoiding Compliance with Traffic Devices - Penalties**

Assistant Chief Lawless advised that this was strictly a house keeping matter as the ordinance as currently written (codified in 1990) calls for a fine “up to \$250”. Current moving infraction fines are \$124, and this amendment would codify the fine for this particular infraction the same as other basic traffic infractions.

**Action:** Forward to full Council for approval on Consent Agenda.

NOTE: Assistant Chief Lawless excused himself from the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**C. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Council Member Fraley Monillas pointed out that there were inconsistencies on residency requirements from the various boards and commissions. Most had residency requirements written into the code while others did not. Those that did not included The Cemetery Board, Citizens Economic Development Commission, Library Board, and the Sister City Commission. Of those only the sister City Commission currently has non-resident members.

Council member Peterson noted the Architectural Design Board also does not have residency requirements because there are certain professional requirements for members.

Council Member Peterson also noted that he believed it was the legislative intent and the intent of the 60-person citizen levy committee that recommended formation of the EDC that it be comprised of Edmonds residents. He noted that non-residents had never been appointed to the commission but their input was always welcome at EDC meetings or City Council meetings.

Council members Fraley Monillas and Peterson also agreed that property ownership should play no role in eligibility requirements. They also discussed the fact that property and business owners have other means to participate in committees if not citizens of Edmonds.

There was also some discussion about the LEOFF1 board and the Highway 99 Task Force, but Councilmembers did not have the information at the time of the meeting.

Council Members Fraley Monillas and Peterson agreed that this should go to full council for discussion with a recommendation that there be consistency in language and that residency requirements be implemented into those boards and commissions that currently had none unless there were extenuating circumstances (i.e. professional requirements of the ADB).

<b>Action:</b> Forward to full Council for consideration at a future meeting.
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#### **D. Public Comment**

Darrol Haug stated that the Council should deal with the issue at hand (EDC residency requirements) first and look to the future for a broader discussion about the different roles and responsibilities of the various commissions.

Roger Hertrich asked what the Council was afraid of in appointing a non-resident. He felt there was a personal attack on Councilmember Petso during audience comments at a previous council meeting.

Brice Wittenebrg stated that as a member of the 60 person levy commission and a charter member of the EDC that it was not only the legislative intent to appoint Edmonds citizens, but had been the practice since the inception of the EDC. An oversight in code language can be easily fixed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.