

CITY OF SHELTON and MASON COUNTY
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – 9:00 A.M
Public Meeting Room – Public Safety Building

In Attendance:

Shelton Commissioners: John Tarrant, Dawn Pannell, Mike Byrne

Mason County Commissioners: Linda Ring-Erickson, Tim Sheldon, Steve Bloomfield

MACECOM: Mike Evans, Beau Bakken, Jill Evander

City of Shelton Employees: Dave O'Leary, Cathy Beierle, Vicki Look

The Special Meeting of the Shelton City Commission, Mason County Commission and MACECOM representatives was called to discuss MACECOM'S proposed 2012 increase in user fees for dispatch services.

MACECOM Governing Board Chair Beau Bakken gave a brief history regarding the 2007 merge of Shel-Com and Fire-Com and the steps taken to setup membership, Governing and Legislative Board responsibilities, and the agreement relating to services.

Over the past year, the MACECOM Legislative Board has communicated their intent to separate from City services including separation of MACECOM staff from City employment. All parties approve of the Board's' decision to become a stand alone entity.

Governing Board Chair Bakken then gave a budget update and stated the difficulties they are now facing due to a decision a few years ago to set fees too low. A substantial increase in fees is now needed to ensure revenue can support 2012 expenditures. The City's finance director reviewed the handout and noted that there appeared to be an error in the fund balance calculation. MACECOM representatives stated that they would check their numbers.

Several Commissioners expressed concern regarding the formula used to calculate the increases and discussed legal issues regarding the rate structure. MACECOM representatives stated that they are currently having a legal review on the proposal, but that they welcome input from the partners and the users of MACECOM'S dispatch services.

Attendees asked how the Boards are reviewing operations to ensure efficiencies, and also requested a report on the entity's long range plans and goals. Representatives stated that those issues will be considered next year and encouraged support and participation by the membership.

City Administrator Dave O'Leary stated that he and City staff are available to help with goal setting and financial models.


Mayor Tarrant

Attest:


City Clerk Look

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