

## **Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, November 1, 2001**

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2001.

Committee: Chairman Gillette, Trustees Jeffrey-Clark and Newsom  
Attending: Trustees Jeffrey-Clarke and Newsom  
Absent: Chairman Gillette  
Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Police Chief Richardson, Fire Chief Dorman, Deputy Clerk van Deutekom

Trustee Newsom called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Radio Equipment Purchase for Communications Center – Approval.** Support Services Supervisor Bartram reported that the Estes Park Police Department Communications Center budgeted funds to replace Dispatch radio equipment in 2001. A bid was received from Motorola to install 3 new consoles and upgrade the radio equipment from VHF to 800 Megahertz at a cost of \$105,036. The 2001 Budget includes \$105,000 for the project. The **Committee recommends acceptance of the bid from Motorola to replace the Police Dispatch radio equipment at a cost of \$105,036 as presented.**

**Riverwalk Limitations for Bicycles, Rollerblades, and Skateboards – Approval.** Lt. van Deutekom reported that enforcement of boundary limitations pertaining to downtown bicycling, rollerblading, and skateboarding is extremely difficult due to dissimilar limitations for each infraction. Potential safety problems also exist on the Riverwalk from mixing pedestrian traffic with the above activities. Staff recommends the prohibition of bicycles, skateboards, and rollerblades from the downtown core area be made uniform for these activities, and the prohibited areas include the entire Riverwalk (from the pedestrian tunnel to Tregent Park and along Riverside Dr. to Piccadilly Square), Riverside Plaza, the Transportation Center, and all municipal parking lots. The Committee discussed the importance of adequate signage and public education regarding Riverwalk usage. The **Committee recommends approval of the 1) prohibition of bicycling, rollerblading, and skateboarding from the entire Riverwalk, Riverside Plaza, the Transportation Center, and all municipal parking lots as described above, 2) prohibition of these activities from the downtown core area be made uniform, and 3) direct Town Attorney White to prepare an Ordinance for Town Board consideration.**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT (EPVFD)**

**State Firefighters Convention – Update.** Chief Dorman explained that planning is underway for the 2002 State Firefighters Convention. The location has not been selected; however, the event is normally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June and a partial closure of Manford Ave. may be required if Estes Park is selected.

**Biological and Chemical Incident Response – Report.** Chief Dorman reported that a public forum is scheduled tonight to outline Estes Park's biological and chemical incident response plan and protocols.

### **REPORTS**

Chief Richardson presented **Riverside Plaza** violation statistics and graphs.

Trustee Newsom expressed a citizen's safety concerns regarding motorists using the Post Office parking lot as a thru street. Staff will research accident reports and return to the Committee with the findings.

There being no further business, Trustee Newsom adjourned the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

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Rebecca van Deutekom, Deputy Town Clerk