

Seattle
Community
Police Commission

VIA EMAIL

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To Director Myerberg,

Thank you for attending our Bi-monthly CPC meeting and answering Commissioner questions about Mayor Harrell's proposed 2023/2024 budget. There were a few additional questions, and a few that needed more clarification, which we are including below:

1. Why is there a \$10M increase for SPD in 2024?
2. How are potential policing alternatives being identified? And is there a schedule for rollout of said alternatives?
3. The recommendation in favor of the gunfire detection system technology states the reason Rainier Beach was selected was because of multiple unsolved homicides, but why aren't other areas of the city being considered?
4. The budget indicates savings from vacant salaries will be reinvested in SPD to acquire new services weapons, however, what will happen to current service weapons that have reached their expected life span?
5. Is the reinvestment of salary savings from vacant positions fully accounted for in the proposed budget? Of the \$16,951,504 of savings being reinvested into SPD, only \$7M is accounted for in the proposed budget.
6. SPD received a 3% budget cut resulting in 80 FTE positions being held vacant for the full duration of the target period. What is the target period? Both 2023 and 2024, or just 2023?
7. Based on the "Incremental Budget Changes" (pages 359 and 360 of the proposed budgets), FTE changes will result in an increase of 125.5 FTEs, but when reviewed, the results show 128.5 FTE which conflicts with the printed total. Please identify which number is correct.
8. Throughout SPD's proposed budget there are 5 new FTE positions for the Chief of Police, but the BSL (SPD-BO-SP-P1000-Chief of Police) indicates far more at 26.5 new FTEs. We are unclear about where the remaining 21.5 FTEs come from.
9. Are 26.5 new FTEs of the Chief of Police BSL the reason for the roughly \$9M increase for that department?
10. Why is there a reallocation of funds between Criminal Investigations and Major Investigations in the SPD-BO-SP-P7000 BSL, and more specifically, why are criminal investigations going from 118 FTEs down to 4 FTEs?

We look forward to you answering these questions in the upcoming CPC Bi-monthly meeting in November. Thank you for accepting the invitation in advance.

Best,



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CC:
Mayor Bruce Harrell
Director Tim Burgess