

MINUTES

COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE & POLICE) COMMITTEE

July 13th, 2016 – 5:30 PM

Administrative Conference Room at City Hall

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Chair, Council Member
Mac Morrow, Vice- Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Phil Harris, Chief of Police
Craig Budzinski, Chief of Fire

Staff: Steve Woodson, Detective Lieutenant
Kerry Lindsay, Secretary, Administrative Assistant

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Morrow called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

2. Introductions

Detective Lieutenant Woodson introduced himself.

3. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified.

4. Review of the Minutes

The minutes of 3/17/16 were approved unanimously and without correction.

5. Police Department National Night Out

S. Woodson provided an overview of the events to be included in this year's annual National Night Out. He mentioned a bounce house, 2 NASCAR cars, emergency services throughout the county, etc. J. Fatland asked that Council help spread the word about the event.

P. Harris provided an update concerning the Community Meetings. He began with an optical illusion drawing in order to illustrate our tendency to use past experiences in our future perceptions. He explained that this applies to today's perception of police as a harmful or helpful force. P. Harris reiterated that in the wake of the Dallas Police Shootings it has become even more important to maintain open communications within the community and to support each other openly.

6. Fire Department

J. Fatland opened the conversation about Evening Service within the Fire Department. He explained that Evening Service is being funded on a trial basis out of the Fire Department's Fund, not the General Fund. It costs roughly 10,000 for 2 months of service from 5-12 PM each night with the exception of Monday. C. Budzinski presented the call rates per month and the Committee approved his decision to run the trial in October and November of this year. He will show response times, the number of calls, and the number of evening walk-ins.

The Committee discussed the status of the Rescue Squad and made indications that they may ask for a merger in the future.

The Committee set the Fire District tour for August 16th, 2016 at 5:30 PM. They will meet at the Fire Department and the whole Committee will attend, although there will be no other items that night besides setting the next meeting date.

7. Schedule Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled at the August 16th tour.

8. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 6:47 PM on Wednesday, July 13th, 2016.

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Maurice Jones
Chair, Council Member

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Kerry Lindsay
Secretary