

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

5:00 P. M., MARCH 28, 2019

A/V CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee Members Present:

Keeley Steele, Chair
Chuck Overstreet, Vice Chair
Naomi Bays (on phone)
Brady Campbell
Joseph Jenkins

Others:

Deputy Chief Paul Perdue
Terri Allen
Matt Sutton

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

1. Narcan Training - Councilmember Steele said that the Charleston University School of Pharmacy has offered Narcan training for all Councilmembers. They will coordinate with Councilmember Steele.

2. Surplus Video Cameras - Councilmember Steele asked Matt Sutton for an update. He answered that since the last meeting, Terri Allen and her team had put together a plan for the surplus cameras. Terri Allen added that these are intended to be cameras for security/ investigatory purposes. Initially, the team started with the City Service Center and have 13 cameras installed and operating. The CPD's substation (in the Mall Area) had 7 cameras installed in the fall of 2018. The team is currently in process of installing 31 cameras in City Hall, with 12 already installed. The staff has encountered some time constraints due to the electrical wiring of the building, so the completion date is now set for July 1, 2019. The next step will be Public Grounds; 3 cameras are ready to be configured by the IS Department. Councilmember Jenkins asked as to the locations of the cameras. Terri Allen answered that they are outside of the offices of the office building. Next will be the Parking System, the largest recipient with 178 cameras. There are some cameras already active, but 2 garages do not yet have a network system in place. They have decided to get quotes for either individual buildings or the entire project to do this because of the time and labor requirements. There are plans to place video surveillance signs. Councilmember Keeley confirmed that all the excess cameras were accounted for and asked about cameras for Parks and Recreation. Matt Sutton security for the Rec Centers will come from money from the MOECD and that process is still being discussed. Councilmember Jenkins asked about data storage and retention for the camera system. Terri Allen said that they will be working on a policy for that. Additionally, the cameras are designed to start recording only when they detect motion. The Parking System will also have staff live monitoring the cameras during

hours of operations. Matt Sutton added that a few offices will have access to the other cameras where applicable, but the Parking System will be the only group that will have full access to their cameras for security purposes. Councilmember Jenkins asked about security cameras concerning the Convention Center. Matt Sutton answered that they had their own cameras and system which included the parking garage located there.

3. Visit with/ to the KCHD – Councilmember Steele confirmed with Matt Sutton that the KCHD does not currently nor have plans to administer suboxone. They cannot do so without the support from City Council, County Commission and without holding a public meeting. Matt Sutton added that the Committee can take a tour of the facilities. Councilmember Steele encouraged this.

4. General Discussion – Councilmember Steele mentioned that she would like to have a meeting with the Mayor to discuss goals/focus for the committee.

Councilmember Steele asked if there will be extra patrols and extra officers with the hybrid unit going into Spring. Deputy Chief Paul Perdue answered that there are currently seven vacancies that would have to be filled. Some of those shifts have been extended into the evenings. Also, anyone can call the CPD and request extra patrols.

Councilmember Bays added that the 5 planned Coffee with a Cop meetings have concluded. They plan to do more around July and October. Councilmember Steele thanked her for setting up those gatherings.

Councilmember Jenkins asked Deputy Chief Paul Perdue if there was anything the Committee could do for the CPD concerning changing City Code to make their jobs more efficient or enforcement authority they may find lacking. The Deputy Chief answered he couldn't think of anything that needed changing. Matt Sutton added that money in the Asset Forfeiture Fund has been released to the CPD, particularly for training.

Councilmember Overstreet inquired about the necessity for AED training. It was decided that could be scheduled for some time in the future.

Councilmember Campbell asked if there was anything Council could do to help with Police recruiting. The Deputy Chief replied that other cities such as Parkersburg are offering sign on bonuses to individuals already certified. They are also looking into more recruiting opportunities, as well as taking the test on site (colleges, etc.). Councilmember Campbell inquired about communications. The Deputy Chief answered that they use Direct Connect. They are also reevaluating the tattoo policy. Matt Sutton added beards were also mentioned when the Mayor had visited. Councilmember Jenkins mentioned that he will be starting the Citizen's FBI Academy next Tuesday.

Councilmember Jenkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Overstreet seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.