



**CITY OF CHARLESTON  
WEST VIRGINIA  
COUNCIL MEMBER – 10<sup>TH</sup> WARD**

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Public Safety Committee, Chair  
Finance Committee  
Parking Committee

TO: Public Safety Committee  
FROM: Shawn Taylor, Chair  
RE: Committee Meeting

There will be a Committee meeting of Public Safety on April 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM  
**City Hall, 501 Virginia St. E.  
AV Room #308**

***AGENDA***

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. 1-17-2023

TO HEAR FROM PUBLIC SAFETY RELATED DEPARTMENTS

1. Charleston Police Department
2. Charleston Fire Department
3. CARE Office

Adjournment

THE AGENDA WAS AMENDED ON 4-13-2023 TO CHANGE THE MEETING TIME

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# MINUTES

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 P. M., JANUARY 17, 2023  
AV ROOM, CITY HALL

Shawn Taylor, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Charleston City Council Committee on Public Safety to order at 6:00 p.m., JANUARY 3, 2023.

### **Present:**

Shawn Taylor, Chair  
Chuck Overstreet, Vice Chair  
Mary Beth Hoover  
Bruce King  
Beth Kerns  
Kathy Rubio

### **Absent:**

Caitlin Cook

### Other Councilmembers Present:

Joe Solomon  
Frank Annie  
Chad Robinson  
Chelsea Steelhammer

#### 1. Approval of Previous Minutes –

Councilmember Hoover moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 7-11-2022. Councilmember King seconded the motion. There was no objection, and the minutes were approved.

1. Introduction and discussion of previous meetings and any possible items for future meetings

Councilmember Taylor stated that he wanted public safety departments (such as CPD, CFD and CARE) to be able to come to the Committee with their needs and concerns. It is an opportunity for the Committee to be responsive to the needs of the Community.

Councilmember Kerns asked if the Committee had an official mission statement. Mayor Goodwin added that part of the purpose of the Committee is to hear from Councilmembers, the Administration and the public as to their concerns. This could cover a wide variety of topics that touch on the safety, health and wellness of the Community.

Councilmember Taylor added that he had anticipated hearing about the circumstances on Spring Street and the Officer involved death. Their job is not to solve the situation, but to be prepared to provide information if they get questions. Some potential topics are vape shops, the status of Kanawha Boulevard's roads, etc.

Councilmember Hoover added that those issues frequently overlap between two different Committees, such as with vape shops and scooters, and it is helpful to get a variety of input in those instances.

Councilmember Kerns added that warming and cooling centers might be a public safety issue for the Committee (finding a permanent location for them, for example).

Councilmember King suggested getting updates from Police, Fire and the CARE team at the meetings. Mayor Goodwin added that the Committee could benefit from receiving a brief of the Directors' reports, as a lot of that information would be there as well.

The Fire Chief invited the Committee members to go on a ride along.

2. Set dates for possible recurring meetings

The Committee agreed to set a goal of meeting at least quarterly before the 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly Finance Committee meeting, schedules permitting.

Councilmember Hoover motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Kerns seconded. Meeting adjourned.