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## COUNCIL

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

3:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### **Council Members Present:**

Mr. Jea Street, Co-Chair

Ms. Karen Hartley-Nagle, President

Ms. Janet Kilpatrick

Ms. Lisa Diller

Mr. George Smiley

Mr. Penrose Hollins, ProTemp

Mr. David Tackett

Mr. John Cartier

Mr. Timothy Sheldon

Mr. William Powers

**Excused:** Mr. Bill Bell, Mr. Robert Weiner, and Mr. Kenneth Woods

- **Call to Order**
  - Councilman Street called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.
- **Adoption of the May 8, 2018 Minutes**
  - A motion to approve the amended minutes of the May 8, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilwoman Diller, and approved unanimously by the members present. The correction was that Council Members Diller and Kilpatrick were present at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **ORDINANCE 18-067** **Mr. Bell, Mr. Street**  
**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$350,000 TO THE CONTRACTED POLICE DUTY REVOLVING FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**
  - No discussion or questions.
- **ORDINANCE 18-068** **Mr. Bell, Mr. Street**  
**AMEND THE ANNUAL FY2019 OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE FY2019 APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, BY \$434,297 TO PROVIDE THE ANNUAL COUNTY MATCH FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT FOR FY2019**
- **ORDINANCE 18-069** **Mr. Bell, Mr. Street**  
**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$292,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, \$434,297 IN LOCAL FUNDING FROM NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND \$60,000 IN PRIVATE FUNDING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE GROUP NUCLEAR TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR FY2019**

- Dave Carpenter stated that Ordinances 18-067 and 068 provide the funding for the Emergency Management annual budget. After some discussion, it was also stated that the deadline for the matching funds was July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Discussion and questions.

- **ORDINANCE 18-070** Mr. Bell, Mr. Street  
**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL GRANT AWARD OF \$49,336 FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE DELAWARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL POLICE CONNECTION ALLIANCE GRANT**
  - No discussion or questions
- **Police Connections Alliance**
  - Colonel Bond introduced Captain John Treadwell, Officer Colleen Kearns, and Lisa Shaffer, Civilian Specialist who. He stated that this program focuses on helping individuals with mental illness tendencies, along with their families. Officer Kearns stated that the goal is to decrease the number of arrests and connect the individual with the correct resources, get support for the family, and follow-up.
  - Discussion and questions.
- **Hero Help Program Update**
  - Colonel Bond stated that Major McLucas has been involved in this program since its inception. and then introduced Dan Maas, Coordinator, who was hired to expand the program and who had knowledge of the available resources . Mr. Maas distributed brochures regarding the Hero Help Program which is a partnership between the New Castle County Police, Department of Justice and the State of Delaware Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health which provides drug and alcohol addiction treatment to qualifying adults.
  - Discussion and questions..
- **Community Services Division Update – Nikko Introduction**
  - Colonel Bond introduced Master Corporal Gigliotti and Nikko, the companion dog. Nikko was received through the nonprofit organization, Canine Companions for Independence, which enhances the lives of people by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. Nikko's primary role in the department is to serve as a goodwill ambassador at community service events, meetings, and used to help calm and comfort witnesses, crime victims and anyone who may otherwise be afraid, uncomfortable or nervous.
  - Mr. Street expressed his appreciation for the NCCPD's innovative ways to enhance communication with the public.
  - Discussion and questions.
- **Other**
  - Mr. Street questioned whether the Rave Panic Button was offered in all schools within the Red Clay Consolidated School District. Chief Miller confirmed that it was offered in all 27 schools. Mr. Street then questioned whether it was offered to Day Care Centers. Chief Miller stated that they could email [PanicButton@nccde.org](mailto:PanicButton@nccde.org) the information for review.
  - Discussion and questions.

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- **Public Comment**
  - Michael Hojnicky, Acting Director of Public Safety, commended Colonel Bond and the New Castle County Police for their leadership and participation with the Special Olympics.
  
- **Adjournment** A motion was made by Ms. Diller and seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick to adjourn the meet at 3:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Karen Barlow, Legislative Aide to Councilman Bell, Chairman Public Safety Committee. This meeting of the Public Safety Committee was also taped and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.*