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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

3:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Co-Chair Street and Bell, President Hartley-Nagle and Councilmembers Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley Hollins Cartier, Woods, Weiner, Diller and Powers

#### A. Call to order:

- Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman Street at 3:00 p.m.

#### B. Review / Adoption of the January 9, 2018 minutes:

- A motion to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2018, Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mrs. Kilpatrick, and passed unanimously by the members present.

#### 1. ORDINANCE NO. 18-002

Introduced by: Mr. Street, Mr. Bell

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$47,460.00 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Mr. Street introduced the Ordinance.
- No Comment by Council

#### 2. ORDINANCE NO. 18-003

Introduced by: Mr. Street, Mr. Bell

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$28,311.28 IN STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) - FY2018 TARGETED ANALYTIC POLICING SYSTEM (TAPS) OVERTIME GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Mr. Street introduced the Ordinance.
- No comment by Council

#### 3. ORDINANCE NO. 18-005

Introduced by: Mr. Street, Mr. Bell

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$118,628 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE, COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, CENTER FOR DRUG POLICY AND ENFORCEMENT, TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY – HERO HELP PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Mr. Street introduced the Ordinance.
- No comment by Council

#### 4. ORDINANCE NO. 18-007

Introduced by: Mr. Street, Mr. Bell

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$103,500 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE-SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF), TO THE SLEAF – 250 BALLISTIC HELMETS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Mr. Street introduced the Ordinance.
- No comment by Council



**5. Update on Staffing and Next Academy**

- Councilman Bell commented on the article in the paper on NCC Paramedic funding as it relates to staffing and diversity, that Council was clear on the path forward.
- Councilman Street stated that every shooting in the County and City requires a paramedic response and it's costly. He also agreed with Councilman Bell that diversity was improved in staffing under the previous Director, Joe Bryant.
- Chief Tan, NCC Emergency Medical Service, provided a handout explaining the current staffing; there are 15 vacancies; 109 current staff; 88 personnel available to staff paramedic units; 10 paramedics, 3 executive staff are eligible to retire immediately and 8 additional paramedics are eligible to retire in 2018. The Emergency Medical Services Division last added a paramedic unit to its operations in January 2007. Since that time, paramedic staffing has increased by 35%.
- Q & A followed by Council

**6. Update on 2017 year Crime Statistics and Success**

- Colonel Bond expressed that 2017 was an outstanding year for NCCPD. He explained how proud he is of the accomplishments that his officers have made regarding relationships between the community and law enforcement. They are working hard to make a difference in the lives of others. In 2016, there were 196 heroin overdoses and 30 deaths. In 2017, it increased to 344 overdoses and 60 deaths. The "Hero Program," has helped tremendously. They never stop treating people with dignity and respect.
- Mike Walsh, Crime Analyst, gave a presentation of NCCP Statistics and Trends from the Criminal Investigations Unit Information and Analysis Squad as of January 25, 2018.
- Q & A followed by Council

**7. Other:**

- President Karen Hartley-Nagle requested that Chief Larry Tan, come back with a modified plan of operations; how many people are needed for appropriate staffing levels?
- Dr. Thomas Sweeney, Emergency Physician, of Christiana Newark, Wilmington, and Middletown Hospital. He has seen his share of emergency visits to the hospitals; however, it starts with the Paramedics. He urged that funding of operations be restored to reduce the likelihood of burn out of paramedics. He was pleased with the discussion among Council members and the support Council has for paramedics.
- Councilman Street, asked Colonel Bound, have they found the shooter who killed someone at Rosehill Community Center three years ago. Colonel Bond responded that it was still under investigation. Councilman Street stated that the response was woefully insufficient.

**8. Public Comment:** None

**9. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mrs. Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 PM.