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COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Council Members Present:

Mr. Bill Bell, Co-Chair

Ms. Karen Hartley-Nagle, President

Ms. Janet Kilpatrick

Ms. Lisa Diller

Mr. George Smiley

Mr. Jea Street, Co-Chair

Mr. David Tackett

Mr. John Cartier

Mr. Robert Weiner

Mr. Kenneth Woods

Excused: Mr. Penrose Hollis, Mr. William Powers, and Mr. Sheldon

- **Call to Order**

- Councilman Bell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

- **Adoption of the February 13, 2018 Minutes**

- A motion to approve the amended minutes of the February 13, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting was made by Councilman Tackett, seconded by Councilman Smiley, and approved unanimously by the members present. The correction was that Councilman Tackett was present at the February 13th meeting.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 18-047**

Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PARTIALLY RESTORE THE PARAMEDIC REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR STATE-MANDATED COUNTY PARAMEDIC SERVICES TO 50% TO HELP ADDRESS THE INCREASED DEMANDS FOR SERVICE

- Councilman Bell stated that this Resolution was recommended by the Administration with discussion at a prior meeting. Michael Hojnicky, Acting Public Safety Director, distributed a chart with the breakdown of funding from FY 2006 to present. He stated that he attended the JFC Hearing, along with DPH and the Paramedic Chief. He stated that a few of the Legislators asked for detailed costs of the paramedic program which will be shared with the Legislators.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 18-017** **Mr. Bell, Mr. Street**
AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL GRANT AWARD OF \$224,012 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DEMA), UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY, TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM
 - Dave Carpenter gave an overview of this Ordinance. He stated that these funds are expected from DEMA to properly record donated equipment as an asset to New Castle County and training allocation.
 - No questions/discussion

- **Presentation on Texting 911**
 - Chief Miller distributed the **Text 911 If You Can't** document. He stated that calling 911 is the best approach; however, if you cannot call, texting is now available.
 - Questions and discussion.

- **Update on Paramedic Program**
 - Chief Larry Tan was asked to return with a cost of running the next Paramedic Academy. He distributed a Fiscal Impact of 12 New Paramedic Positives effective 7/1/18 (FY 2019) document which showed that net cost per recruit for 12 months would be \$95,275.74.
 - Questions and discussion.

- **Other**: Chief Miller informed County Council that David Roberts, Past Chief of Communications Center, was appointed to the Enhanced 911 Board by Governor Carper.

- **Public Comment**: None

- **Adjournment**: A motion was made by Mr. Smiley 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.