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COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Council Members Present:

Mr. Bill Bell, Co-Chair, Presiding
Ms. Karen Hartley-Nagle, President
Mr. George Smiley
Ms. Janet Kilpatrick
Mr. David Tackett
Mr. Kenneth Woods

Mr. Jea Street, Co-Chair
Mr. John Cartier
Mr. Robert Weiner
Ms. Lisa Diller
Mr. Timothy Sheldon

Council Members Excused:

Mr. Penrose Hollins, ProTemp

Ms. Dee Durham

1. Call to Order

Councilman Bell called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Adoption of the April 9, 2019 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, and approved unanimously by the members present.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 19-056

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$48,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FY2019 GRANT.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 19-057

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$270,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), \$446,542 IN LOCAL FUNDING FROM NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND \$68,000 IN PRIVATE FUNDING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE GROUP (PSEG) NUCLEAR TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM) FOR FY2020.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 19-058

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE ANNUAL FY2020 OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE FY2020 APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, BY \$446,542 TO PROVIDE THE ANNUAL COUNTY MATCH FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT FOR FY2020.

- Dave Carpenter briefly discussed °19-056, °19-057 and °19-058 as they all related to the FY2020 Operating Budget.
- No questions/discussion.

6. ORDINANCE NO. 19-059

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE GRANT BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$49,000 IN FEDERAL PASS THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THROUGH THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE STATE OPIOID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT.

- Chief Larry Tan briefly discussed the grant and the request to combat opioid issues.
- Questions and discussion.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 19-060

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$375,000 TO THE CONTRACTED POLICE DUTY REVOLVING FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

- Colonel Bond gave a brief overview of °19-060 stating that this is to provide funds for paid jobs and special events.
- No questions/discussion.

8. ORDINANCE NO. 19-061

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL GRANT AWARD OF \$153,991 FROM THE FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH THE DELAWARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL (CJC) NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NCCPD) EXPANSION OF VICTIM SERVICES 3rd YEAR GRANT.

- Colonel Bond gave a brief overview stating that this grant provides an opportunity to increase victim services advocates. Colonel Bond then asked Lori Kane, grant writer, to explain more in detail.
- President Hartley-Nagle stated she was very appreciative of this unit.
- Questions and discussion.

9. Director's Update

- Medic 5 Paramedic Station
 - Acting Public Safety Director Hojnicky stated that they will be sharing the plans for the Paramedic Station in Middletown once they are finalized.
 - Agreement Negotiations for the Paramedic power shift units to be housed inside Odessa and Aetna Fire Companies
- Bayview Beach
 - Acting Chief Hojnicky gave a brief update and overview of the challenges for this project.
- Fire Service Scholarship Patch Initiative
 - Acting Chief Hojnicky discussed the partnership with the Fire Service where this initiative has 5 patches (Paramedics, Police, Fire, EMS, and combined). It is being

funded and administered by the fire service and will go into a Fire Service Scholarship Funds for recruitment and retention.

- Chief Hojnicky stated that he was stepping down as Acting Public Safety Director in July because of the demands on IT. He stated that it is by his choice.

10. Division of Communication Staffing Update

- Chief Miller gave a brief overview and update on the staffing in the Communications Center. He stated that the call takers are answering the calls within 10 seconds or less.
- No questions or comments

11. Hero Help COAP Grant Update

- Colonel Bond introduced Lori Kane, Grant Writer, within the NCCPD. She gave an overview of the COAP grant and how it will work/expand on the Hero Help Program by adding staff, expanding shifts and trying to make a thriving unit.
- Questions and discussion.

12. Police Update

- Colonel Bond gave an overview of the Police Academy. He stated the Police Academy graduation is July 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Independence School. He stated that the Academy Class will participate in a leg of the Special Olympic Torch Run.
- Colonel Bond gave an update on the upcoming retirees and hires. In addition, he stated there were two interns coming on board who are Criminal Justice Majors.
- Concerns and discussion.

13. Other

- Mr. Street commented his concerns of legalizing marijuana with no prevention programs.

14. Public Comment - None

15. Adjournment A motion was made by Mr. Smiley and seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 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.