

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

3:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

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

1. **Call to order:**

- Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman Bell at 3:03 p.m.

2. **Review / Adoption of the July 10, 2018 minutes:**

- A motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2018, Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mrs. Kilpatrick, and passed unanimously by the members present.

3. **ORDINANCE 18-081**

Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$32,000 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE-SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF), TO THE SLEAF - MARYLAND INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MICJ) BASIC POLYGRAPH COURSE GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

- Colonel Bond explained they have two officers in training at the polygraph school. The NCC Police Department currently has one officer on a regular basis and assistance is needed.

4. **ORDINANCE 18-082**

Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING OF \$175,711 TO THE JAG (JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT) 2017-EFFECTIVE GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION TACTICS GRANT FOR THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

- Colonel Bond explained that this is used for training opportunities, overtime and equipment.

5. **ORDINANCE 18-083**

Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN \$58,274 IN STATE FUNDING WITHIN THE FY2018 FUND TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

- Colonel Bond explained this funding is needed for undercover officers in drug investigations and purchase additional equipment.

6. **ORDINANCE 18-084**

Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$29,172 IN FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY TO THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY - AUGUST 2018 OCCUPATION PROTECTION AND SPEED EQUIPMENT GRANT FOR THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

- Colonel Bond explained this is needed for traffic enforcement and highway safety.

7. ORDINANCE 18-091

Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$8,000 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 FY2019.**

- This ordinance is for additional funding for the Operations of the New Castle County Office of Emergency Management.
- It will be voted on at the September 25, 2018 Council Meeting.

8. Overview of the Department of Public Safety's Open House held on September 5, 2018 and Recruitment Update

- Acting Director Michael Hojnicky explained the open house was a success. A lot of young people attended and were very interested in the process. They had a diverse group.

9. 911 Communications - Recruiting for Citizen Academy

- Chief Jeffrey Miller explained they are spending time recruiting at an entry level position. They are doing personal recruitments at the Malls giving out tips on how to sign up for Citizens Academy. Outreach through the media has been a great help. The information section was very successful. They received 380 applications and their class size ranges from 15 to 24 individuals.

10. E911 Board Update

- Chief Jeffrey Miller explained that the E911 Board has been very successful in NCC. The State of Delaware decided to stay with the E911 board funding and pay for every panic button in public schools throughout the State. They have projected a savings of \$160,000 next fiscal year and the State has agreed to take care of the maintenance for the system. They also agreed to fund the software.

11. Other

- Colonel Bond explained that friends of the NCC Police Department had donated two blond Clydesdale horses to NCCPD.
- Councilman Street stated that there are three ordinances here about reducing gun violence. Who is responsible for a 16 year old shooting a 32 year old? No adults are responsible and how are they getting them? You can't reduce the gun violence if you can't reduce the guns! Where is the conversation, it's not at a city level, not at a government level or any level!

12. Public Comment: None

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM