

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES August 11, 2020

In Attendance

Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 4:18 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert and Darrin Ledford, all present via electronic means. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilmen Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr., were not present.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Fire: Phil Hyman, Chief; Police: David Roddy, Chief

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (June 30, 2020) were approved as published.

Fire: Parking and Signs for Emergency Vehicles

Chief Hyman updated the Council on the challenges that continue to occur for Emergency Vehicles. A discussion ensued in which the following topics were addressed:

- Action Plan in progress (Councilman Byrd)
- New Signage (Councilman Byrd)
- Collaboration with CDOT and Police (Councilman Byrd)
- Trouble Areas (Councilman Henderson)
- Stripping on roads (Councilman Henderson)
- STVR Areas (Councilman Gilbert)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Police: Recent Violence in the City

Chief Roddy updated the Council on the increase in violence currently taking place in the city. Councilman Byrd inquired about cameras in the city, clearance rates in the homicide unit, and the moral within the department. Councilpersons Ledford, Byrd, and Gilbert all expressed their gratitude for the work of the Police Department. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

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