

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**9:00am, Monday, January 13, 2020**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to order**

Present: Council members Buckhannon, Ward, and Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Chief Cornett, Captain Hathaway

**2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Council Member Ward nominated Council Member Pounds for Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Council Member Pounds nominated Council Member Buckhannon for Chair of the Committee. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the nominations.

A vote was taken for Council Member Pounds for Chair as follows:

Ayes: Ward

Nays: Buckhannon, Pounds

A vote was taken for Council Member Buckhannon for Chair with all in favor.

Council Member Pounds nominated Council Member Ward for Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor of Council Member Ward as Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

**3. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes – November 4, 2019**

Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Citizen's Comments**

Pastor Phil Clark of St. Mark's Lutheran Church came before the Committee seeking a permanent waiver from the noise ordinance for the 21-Gun Salute performed to honor First Responders and Veterans. This is an annual event, and the next occurrence will be November 7, 2020. Administrator Fragoso stated the issue will be placed on the February agenda for further discussion.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Consideration of ordinance 2019-16 – An Ordinance to establish new standards for dilapidated structures**

Administrator Fragoso reminded committee members that this ordinance has passed First Reading. She reviewed the changes that City Council has seen. She noted that City staff will have to apply all of these new standards equally across the board. Council Member Buckhannon

noted that several City buildings will be in violation of this ordinance once it passes. Ordinance 2019-16 will be returned to City Council for Second Reading.

**B. Update on implementation of approved changes to the beach parking plan**

Administrator Fragoso reminded committee members of the changes to the beach parking plan, including “extending parallel parking only and parking 4’ off the pavement on Palm Boulevard between 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and also requiring parallel parking only on the avenues between 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> that connect to Ocean Boulevard.” She said the new signs are being installed now by members of the police department.

**C. Update on request to SCTOD to conduct a speed study on Palm Boulevard between 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenues**

Administrator Fragoso stated that after conducting a speed study, SCDOT has determined that a lowering of the speed limit between 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenues is not necessary. SCDOT reported they took into consideration bicycle and pedestrian activity, traffic conditions, and also looked at collision history of the area, and it did not show a pattern of speed-related accidents. Council Member Buckhannon suggested other ways to increase the safety in that area should be considered. Administrator Fragoso said she is going to ask SCDOT to return and conduct another traffic study during the season.

**D. Update on safety camera at Breach Inlet**

Chief Cornett reported that they have reached out to Technology Solutions, and this project is in their queue. An exact start date is not yet available. The company is making some recommendations that may save the City some money as well as making it easier viewing for Fire and Police.

**E. Update on True Grid sample installation**

Administrator Fragoso said staff is working on getting estimates for sample installation. They have received only one today, which is for \$8,000. She noted that it is challenging to get additional pricing estimates for such a small project. Council Member Buckhannon said he will give her the names of some contractors she can contact for an estimate.

**F. Update on the purchase of the 75’ ladder truck and the refurbishment of the 95’ ladder truck.**

Captain Hathaway reported that the refurbishment of the 95’ ladder truck is expected to be in service at the end of February or early March. He also said the 75’ ladder truck is estimated to be complete by June 2020.

## 6. **New Business**

### A. **Review of the Police & Fire Departments' 10-year Capital Plan and discussion of new initiatives and projects for consideration**

Administrator Fragoso distributed copies of the 10-year Capital Plan for the Police & Fire departments to Committee members. She noted no changes have been made yet, but Chief Cornett is currently considering some changes. She asked Committee members to review the plan for further discussion at the next meeting.

### B. **Consideration of approval for sole source contract in the amount of \$30,994.27 to Safe Fleet Mobile Vision for the replacement of six (6) in-car camera systems [FY20 Budget, Hospitality Tax Fund, Police, Capital Outlay - \$57,000, pg. 20, ln. 21]**

Administrator Fragoso said this item has come in under budget by roughly \$3,000. Chief Cornett said that four of the cameras are to go in the four newly purchased vehicles currently being upfitted in Columbia. The other two will go in vehicles already in service. He said the reason he is requesting approval for a sole source contract is because this is the same company who installed the cameras in the other vehicles.

**MOTION: Council Member Pounds made a motion to approve the request for the sole source contract in the amount of \$30,994.27 for six (6) in-car cameras. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## 7. **Highlights of Departmental Reports**

### A. **Fire Department – Chief Hathaway**

Chief Hathaway briefly reviewed the activities of the Fire Department including a structure fire and participating in the Honor Guard for the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance. He noted a letter received regarding a pediatric incident in July. He shared there were 61 calls for service in December.

### B. **Police Department – Chief Cornett**

Chief Cornett reported he conducted several community meetings in November and December and will present a full packet of results to Administrator Fragoso prior to the next meeting. In addition to other activities, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Police Awards dinner was held in December to recognize Officer of the Year, Professional Staff Member of the Year, and Rookie of the Year as well as other awards. He reported there were over 1,100 calls for service in December, bringing the total number of calls for service to 30,874 for the year. Chief Cornett shared koozies bearing the new Police Department patch with committee members. Council Member Buckhannon commented on the positive effects of the department's social media presence.

Chief Cornett reported there are five staffing vacancies, three in patrol, one in detectives, and one Captain's vacancy. Chief Hathaway said the Fire Department is fully staffed.

## 8. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 9:00am.

9. **Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:31am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk