

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: June 18, 2020

PRESENT: Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, Chief Eric Williams, Carlos Williams, Chief James Jackson, and Stephanie Jackson

Meeting was called to order by: Susan Kovas at 3:01pm

I. **Item Discussed:** Old Business---Grants---Police

Chief Eric Williams talked about the grants in which he applied for, and about the COPS grant that was awarded to the Police Department. Chief Eric Williams mentioned that he has had another officer to leave (Hunter Harrison).

**Action Taken:** No Action Taken

II. **Item Discussed:** New Business---Fire Chief Report

Chief James Jackson stated that he has two of the four firefighters to start and the other two will start their tour of duty in the following week. He stated that he has a one-week orientation that is going on at the Department. He stated that the Fire District approved the budget for the Fire Department. During the time that the City Administrator was discussing the contract, Don Wood arrived with a copy of the contract.

**Action Taken:** The Fire Department contract will be given to council.

III. **Item Discussed:** New Business--- Police Chief Report

Chief Eric Williams talked about the grant that the Department was awarded and how beneficial it will be to the City. Chief Williams stated that he was advised that the Attorney General did ask the Department of Justice to review the Walmart case. Mrs. Kovas asked if the Department of Justice act quickly or do it take some time to review. Chief Williams responded that it was his hope that they act quickly since officers have had to relocate their families and have received threats. Chief stated that he had advised other agencies about the threats against the officers and against himself. Mr. Carlos Williams asked Chief Williams if there were state and/or federal laws that will protect the officers and Council. Mrs. Susan Kovas asked about the TLO program to assist with Investigations. Chief Williams responded to Mrs. Kovas stating that the TLO program has not been straighten out. Mrs. Annie Reid asked about Walmart and she wanted to know are officers back working there. Chief Williams stated that officers have been requested back at Walmart since Walmart has received threats. Chief Williams advised that the officers working will be wearing plain clothes per Walmart. Mrs. Reid asked about racing on Harris Street. Chief Williams advised that extra patrols have already been in place for that. Chief Williams advised that the Ford Interceptor should be picked up by next week from the lower lot.

IV. **Item Discussed:** New Business---Citizens Complaint Process

Mrs. Jackson stated that she needed to be made aware of the citizen complaint process. She stated that she would need a copy of each complaint as it enters the building. She wants to make sure that she has received all complaints thus far. She stated that if she has received those complaints, that someone should be following up from the Police Department to those complaints.

V. **Item Discussed:** New Business---Police Cam Video Discussion & Questions

This item was not discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm.

Minutes prepared by: MaKeesharia Tobias – June 20, 2020