

City of Washington Public Safety Committee Meeting December 18 2017

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Voting Members present:

Brian Butler-Chairman, Carol Moss-Alderman, Brett Adams-Alderman,

Other Officials present:

Jim Culotta-City Administrator, Mike McCoy-Chief of Police, Jeff Stevens-Master Sergeant, Alderman Daniel Cobb, and Linda Storer-WPD Administrative Assistant

Residents:

Paul Spiezio, Liliya Stevens, Greg Bitner

1. **Aldermen wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item:** None
2. **Citizens wishing to be heard on non-agenda items:** Greg Bitner attended a meeting during the summer and requested a sidewalk along Ernest Street or possibly a speed bump. The road is narrow and does not provide ample room for bicycles or walking. City Administrator, Jim Culotta advised he did speak with Brian Tibbs at the Washington Park District after that meeting. He showed some interest in a possible recreation trail there but that grant funding for parks is very competitive and didn't know if we would qualify. No sidewalks or speed bumps will be installed at this time by the City of Washington.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – November 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Motion by Alderman Moss, 2nd by Alderman Adams.
4. **Business Items**
 - **Monthly Report** –The Committee members were given a copy of the report prior to the start of the meeting. Chief McCoy explained various items contained in the report. There were no questions from the Committee.
 - **Amendment to the Police Department Ordinance relating to Deputy Chief -** Chief McCoy read from a memo he drafted which outlines the need for a Deputy Chief. After a very brief discussion, the Committee supports the need for this position. A motion was made by Alderman Moss, and 2nd by Alderman Adams. Chairman Butler will take to the full council and ask to waive a 2nd reading.
 - **Parking Regulations** - to restrict parking on Lincoln St near Lincoln Grade School – The Public Works Department received a request from a school employee asking the City to prohibit parking near the bus entrance to Lincoln School. Buses have to swing wide in order to get into the driveway especially when parents are picking up or dropping off children.

The southern edge of the driveway is about 405 feet from the northern edge of Lincoln/Jackson intersection. A buffer zone of approximately 30 feet would start about 375 feet north of the intersection and end about 30 feet northwest of the northern edge of the drive. The Committee agreed this would help that situation. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and 2nd by Alderman Moss.

5. Other Business

- Chief McCoy thanked both the Chairman and Committee for their part in ratifying the Police Officer's contract. It is valuable to retain our officers. He appreciates the time spent in negotiations and commended the great philosophy used in getting the contract submitted and voted on.
- Chief McCoy wanted the Committee aware that Officer Dramane Taylor was put in charge of this year's "Shop with the Men & Women and Blue Campaign". He was instrumental in raising funds for 80 children. The event took place on December 16th and was a success with the most money ever raised. Congrats were extended from the Committee to Officer Taylor. Nice Job!
- Alderman Adams received an email about E-cigarettes being used inside establishments where smoking is prohibited. The police department will look into the legality and will make recommendations for the next meeting. (January 2018)

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. Motion made by Alderman Adams and 2nd by Alderman Moss.