

City of Washington Public Safety Committee Meeting June 19, 2017

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

Voting Members present:

Alderman Brian Butler, Alderman Carol Moss, Alderman Brett Adams

Other City Officials present:

Jim Culotta-City Administrator, Jeff Stevens-Master Sergeant, Linda Storer-Records Clerk

Residents:

Liliya Stevens, Neal Ragan-Ragan Communications

1. **Aldermen wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item:** None
2. **Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda items:**
 - Liliya Stevens asked for an update on the pavement striping at the entrance to the park. A new paint truck has been ordered and city just waiting for it to complete the work.
 - Liliya Stevens wanted to know about the parking on one side of the street on Westgate between Hampton & Devonshire Rd. Committee does not perceive this to be a big concern at this time. Liliya Stevens asked the committee how to proceed in the future over the parking on one side of the road and she was advised that many of the residents on the street would need to voice their concern and present to the committee. It was further explained that while (6) people might want it (12) might dispute it. Having only one resident voice the concern is not a fair way to solve an issue like this at this time.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting Motion by Alderman Moss, 2nd by Alderman Adams.
4. **Business Items**
 - **Monthly Report** – Master Sergeant Stevens presented the report. Alderman Moss advised she likes the warning citations being issued vs the number of actual citations.

- **Police Vehicles Acquisitions & Build Out** – Master Sergeant outlined the memo to the City Council dated June 15, 2017 regarding the pricing of both the Chief's Tahoe and the Detective car. Packages 1 & 2 from Uftring offer a Chevy Tahoe & a Ford Flex. One package has a new Chevy Tahoe & a 2015 Ford Flex and the other package has a new Chevy Tahoe & a 2017 Ford Flex. He also outlined the build cost for each car from bids he received.

Neal Ragan-Ragan Communications, one of the bidders gave a brief overview of what his company has to offer. His company knows the needs of the WPD and their systems. He has (5) senior technicians to set up and service all their equipment. All toll, he has employees with 160 years of experience to serve us. Alderman Butler stated he did not think it was a committee decision because there is a financial component. He asked Master Sergeant to present at the council meeting tonight for their full vote.

- Alderman Adams asked whether or not the fire hydrant in front of 404 Madison was operable. He was advised that during the house fire someone mentioned it didn't work. This is not the case. It was simply a smaller hydrant connection and the first responders hooked up to a larger one very close by to extinguish the fully engulfed house. The hydrant works.

5. **Other Business**

- Alderman Butler asked when to expect data from the speed sign on Dallas Road. Master Sergeant Stevens advised that the sign is currently gathering data. It shows 85% of the traffic at 35mph or less. The study is very new so more information to come in the near future. Alderman Butler commented that he thinks from the past that the speed out there was about 38mph so the sign might be helping the speeding situation. If so, may consider other locations.
- Devonshire Road is still receiving selective enforcement for the speeding issue. The issue is the motorists using Devonshire Road as a cut through from Cruger Rd. to N. Main Street.

6. • Adjournment – motion by Alderman Adams, 2nd by Alderman Moss at 6:09 PM.