

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
September 17, 2018**

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

Voting Members present:

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

Other Officials present:

Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief-Jeff Stevens, WFD Chief-Roger Traver, Admin Assistant-Linda Storer

Residents:

Lili Stevens, Brandy Wenger, Joe Wenger, April Crotts

1. Alderman wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item:

None

2. Citizen wishing to be heard on non-agenda items:

Joe Wenger is a resident that resides on Santa Fe Rd and was there the other day when a 5 year child was struck by a car. (He brought his laptop with the video he captured.) He stressed his traffic concerns with vehicles speeding especially during the morning & evening commutes. He recommended speed bumps. DC Stevens explained the science of speed bumps and the ineffective results. Mr. Wenger felt that the speed trailer does nothing to deter drivers and felt that extra patrol works great but ends the minute the officers are no longer present.

PD will conduct extra patrols and will also use the motorcycles to “amp-up” the “Guess Factor” (will an officer be running radar or not???) when the cycles arrive in October. Chairman Butler said if PD comes up with other recommendations to bring it back to Public Safety for future discussion.

April Crotts requested crosswalk sign at Madison & Lincoln. There is a safety concern due to children being present and motorists speeding and not observing the children. April also brought up the parking on both sides of Westgate as being an issue because children can’t be seen around the parked cars. Thanks was extended to both the PD & Council for being tuned in and patrolling and issuing tickets.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2018

Motion to approve requested by Chairman Butler – Alderman Adams motioned, 2nd Alderman Moss.

4. Business Items:

- A. Monthly Report – the document was distributed at the September 3rd City Council Meetings. Committee has no questions.

- B. MEG Position – Chairman Butler advised that Mayor Manier wants to take a closer look at hiring a MEG Officer. Chief McCoy has previously stated his reasons for wanting to add this officer and the benefits it would bring. Chief McCoy advised the Committee that he and DC Stevens will be searching for more options.

Chairman Butler stated that if the PD can come up with alternatives to bring them up. At this time, the Committee is not ready to take this request to the full council.

- C. Door Security – City Hall

The bids on card readers for inside and outside the doors are finished. The Committee is ready to go on this and Chairman Butler advised to have it placed on the Consent Agenda of the City Council Meeting. (The original bid did not include on the inside of the doors. This added a cost of \$600.00 to the bid. \$10,625.00 total for all work.)

- D. Training Reimbursement

Chief McCoy attended the Finance & Personnel Meeting tonight. The research was done and they agree with the per diem schedule.

5. Other Business

Alderman Adams has heard from 5 or 6 people that they would like the City to take a look at its ordinance regarding open burning. With fall approaching, residents like to burn leaves and it can be a nuisance to other for various reasons. Is it worth changing?

PD will enforce the current code and see if that helps. Each year this topic comes up with no real solution. Alderman Adams will discuss at a Committee of the Whole Meeting to get more input.

Chief McCoy wanted to point out that when looking at the Police budget and you see expenses for overtime, bear in mind that we are also reimbursed by the various agencies we are working with when generating this overtime.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn –Alderman Moss & 2nd by Alderman Adams at 6:12 pm.