

City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
January 22, 2019

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 and Admin Assistant-Linda Storer

Residents:

Lili Stevens, Brielle Meinders and Lance Aarestad

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

None

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

None

3. Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2018

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

4. Business Items:

- A. Building Reorganization – replace the consoles in the front office that used to house the Communications Center with desks. Checking with area businesses to see if they have any surplus in an effort to save on cost. Would like to move Code Enforcement into the room to give them a designated place to work other than the roll call room. Their presence up in the front office in their uniforms would also provide a great visual for the department with the public who stop in the station. Will budget for the cost of outlets, computers and possibly paint. Not to exceed \$7,500.00 to complete the room.
- B. Schedule Replacement of Patrol Vehicles FY 2019-2020 – Chief McCoy reviewed his memo with the Committee. Chief McCoy would like to recommend scheduling MERF accrual over 3 years for each police patrol unit to secure funds during the 3rd year should it be needed while still adhering to the 4 year replacement schedule. Currently, it takes approximately 26 weeks to get a patrol car. Also, would like permission from Committee to seek out selling of used cars on various government websites. PD feels as though there is a possibility of gaining more profit this way than with trading them in. The money could be used for light bars for newer squad cars. Lastly, in scoring the police fleet vehicles, Car #1 and Car #2 are in need of

replacement. Request permission to go to bid for 2 squad cars and placing them into the 4 year rotation. Chairman Butler requested recommending this for approval – Approval motion made by Alderman Adams and 2nd by Moss.

C. Parking Restrictions – 1000 blk of W. Jefferson St just west of Wilmor – a 1995 Ordinance was located by Deputy Chief Stevens which is still in effect which prohibits parking by signage. New signs will be made and placed. The high school will be notified prior to any ticketing. This should take care of the parking issue directly across the street from Washington Fire Department.

D. Card Security System Update – City hall is fully operational. The Fire Department will be accessed next and Public Works will be assessed down the road.

5. Other Business:

Chief McCoy advised the Committee that the bids for the camera system at the police department has been completed. There is \$60,000 in the current year budget for this system. Further discussions to take place in the near future.

Chief Mc Coy has been in contact with two other agencies to get their ideas of perhaps assisting in funding a MEG Officer. Will report back to the Committee once more is known.

Chief McCoy advised Committee that contract talks have begun with the police officers. Letters have been sent.

Washington Fire Chief Traver wanted to advise Committee that there will be awards given at the City Council Meeting tonight to Officer Moore and a few of the members of WFD. These employees delivered a baby at a residence. Both mother and the baby are fine due to the quick thinking and professionalism during a very traumatic delivery.

Adjournment - 5:57 PM, motion by Alderman Moss and 2nd by Alderman Adams.

Washington Police Department Vehicle Replacement

The history of patrol vehicle replacement, prior to Chief Miller, was that patrol vehicles were to be replaced every 3 years on a rotating basis. For several reasons, patrol vehicles were not purchased on a consistent basis until Chief Miller asked the Council to upgrade the fleet by purchasing several patrol vehicles and putting them on a 4 year rotation.

There are several theories on how a police department should replace vehicles. Such things as mileage, model year, trade in value, added specialized equipment, appearance and interest in a used police vehicle are all valuable items to be concerned about to get the best value for the Cities dollar.

While I firmly believe that a 3 year rotation, based on model year of a vehicle and projected mileage, allows for maximum use vs repair expenditure, we are presenting a program based on a 4 year replacement cycle. In presenting this proposed replacement cycle we want to be sure that all members realize that circumstances change from year to year. Based on all the above listed considerations we will continually keep the Public Safety Committee and Washington City Council apprised of the status of the police fleet.

In order to be able to react to changes in the status of the fleet, I recommend scheduling MERF accrual over 3 years for each police patrol unit. This would allow the City to have the funds secured to replace a vehicle during the 3rd year, on an as needed basis, while still trying to adhere to the 4 year schedule;

Current Washington Police Vehicles

Car #1	2015 Marked Explorer	120,311	
Car #2	2016 Marked Explorer	100,321	
Car #3	2017 Marked Explorer	28,792	
Car #4	2017 Marked Explorer	41,347	
Car #5	2016 Used Kia Unmarked	55,891	
Car #6	2019 Marked For4d Truck	1,023	
Car #7	2017 Unmarked Explorer	63,551	
Car #8	2016 Marked Explorer	74,793	
Car #9	2017 Used Ford Escape (JS)	22,312	
Car #10	2017 Used Pool Van	28,341	
Car #11	2017 Marked Explorer	26,163	Part Time Officers Car
Car #12	2015 Used Ford Flex Unmarked	44,889	
Car #13	2017 Unmarked Tahoe (MM)	53,559	
Car #14	2019 Marked K-9	3,959	