

**City of Washington  
Public Safety Committee Meeting  
May 18, 2020**

**Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM via Zoom Online Meeting 861 5651 7563**

**Voting Members present:**

**Chairman Brian Butler, Alderman Todd Yoder and Alderman Randall Black**

**Other Officials present:**

**City Administrator-Ray Forsythe, Chief of Police-Michael D. McCoy, Deputy Chief-Jeff Stevens, Admin Assistant-Linda Storer, Alderman Liliya Stevens, Alderman Daniel Cobb and Alderman Adams. Attending towards the end of the meeting were Mayor Manier and City Clerk-Pat Brown.**

- 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 April 20, 2020**  
Motion to approve requested by Chairman Butler – Motion by Alderman Black, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chairman Butler. Ayes: 2 Nays: 0 Motion declared carried.
- 4. Business Items:**

**A. New Hire Police Officer**

Chief McCoy provided a memo in the packet outlining the request to hire a lateral transfer police applicant. The memo provided the explanation and financial impact to the City both in cost and training.

C/A Ray Forsythe shared that this is a unique situation and wanted discussion from the Committee. His question to them was “Do you want to temporarily increase police staffing with the understanding that another new hire would be delayed by 90 days if the situation comes up?” As this COVID 19 Update #1 states that there will be no new hires for any department for 90 days. This would need to be amended in the June Update #2 of COVID 19.

Chairman Butler explained to the other committee members that this proposal, if agreed upon would need to supported by the Committee and fully explained to the full council.

Chairman Butler asked for a motion – Motion by Alderman Yoder to amend the next COVID 19 Update #2 in June and to move forward to the full council at the next meeting. Alderman Black -2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion declared carried to move forward with full council discussion.

#### **B. Sergeant's Pay Plan**

Chief McCoy outlined memo that contained the Explanation & Financial Impact to the City as it relates to giving Sergeants parity with officers.

Currently, the Sergeant's do not receive some of the benefits that officers do and this is should be changed to encourage officers to strive to attain this position in the future.

Chairman Butler stated that parity in this situation is very important. He asked the Committee if they want to recommend to council to give Sergeants parity?

Chairman Butler asked for a motion to authorize to council next month: Alderman Black made a motion. Alderman Yoder-2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion declared carried to move forward with full council discussion.

#### **C. Janitorial Service Contract Extension**

Chief McCoy asked the Committee extend the janitorial contract with S & E Cleaning for one year. This is a budgeted expense and the price of \$1300 a month has not changed.

Chairman Butler asked for a motion, motion made by Alderman Yoder and Alderman Black-2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion declared carried to move forward with full council discussion.

#### **D. Proposed Liquor Code Amendment: Theatre License**

AMC Theatre has asked for the ability to sell alcohol at the theatre.

Committee discussion found no problem with this request/

Chairman Butler asked for motion to move forward with draft ordinance at June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Motion made by Alderman Yoder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Black.

**E. Dallas Road Speeding**

Chief McCoy informed the Committee the he received a letter from Paul Spiezio stating his continued concerns about speeding traffic on Dallas Rd.

Chief McCoy has provided Mr. Spiezio with traffic details in the past and has had directed patrols there to observe the speeding problem. There are digital speed signs both north and south on Dallas and we don't have the speeding issue he perceives as most motorists aren't speeding in this area. Furthermore, there have not been any accidents. No further action needed at this time.

**F. Discussion of Upcoming Training**

Chief McCoy advised the Committee that 2 training items are coming up. #1 is sending an officer to the motorcycle certification school which has already been budgeted. #2. Will be sending Sgt. Grossman to a supervision training course. This will come out of the allocated training fund not affected by the COIVD-19 plan.

**5. Other Business**

None

**6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was requested by Chairman Butler: Motion by Alderman Black and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Yoder at 6:22pm.

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