

DRAFT OF MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT

CITY OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 15, 2016

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

Voting Members Present: Mike Brownfield, Brian Butler

Other City officials present: Jim Culotta, Ed Andrews, Ed Papis, Jeff Stevens

Residents: Steve Hullcranz

Others:

1. ALDERMEN WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM: NONE
2. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE JULY 11, 2016 MEETING: MOTION BY Mr. Brownfield, second by Mr. Butler. Minutes unanimously approved as submitted by D.C. Stevens.
4. BUSINESS ITEMS:
  - a. MONTHLY REPORT: Chief Papis presented the monthly activity report for the police department. He noted that a new automated way of gathering statistics from the records management system will produce more consistent results, but accurate comparisons would necessarily take a year when comparing to prior years. There were no significant trends to report.
  - b. DALLAS ROAD: Mr. Andrews referenced the prior materials distributed on this topic and noted that the City obtained 70% funding to build Dallas Road from the federal government subject to a contract that, among other things, requires the City to maintain the functional class the road, including the speed limit, as reducing the speed limit reduces the level of service. Andrews summarized federal and IDOT road criteria applicable here. Mr. Butler asked why IDOT would care about a local road and noted it's similarity to Newcastle, Wilmore, and Jefferson Streets, all of which have a 25 M.P.H. speed limit. Butler said he believes this is the issue in terms of appearance to citizens. Andrews noted the original agreement addressed speed, which is in the agreement as 30 M.P.H. Butler asked if there is a risk of having to return the funding used if the City adjusts the speed downward. Andrews noted he has no experience in violating such an agreement but knows that in some instances the Federal government has demanded repayment of funds. Andrews noted Dallas is classified as a collector and its current use is consistent with that class. Andrews noted he examined crash data and used inputs most favorable to a speed reduction argument and still determined that engineering standards call for a 30 M.P.H. limit. Andrews recommends no change in the limit. Chief Papis said that based on the available information, the police department concurs. Butler said that there is not enough information to justify reducing the speed and noted the City must maintain enforcement and speed control efforts. Butler noted prior

consideration of a static speed display sign, but the expected cost, potentially over \$4,000, is prohibitive. Mr. Brownfield agreed there is not sufficient justification to reduce the speed limit.

c. 911 CONSOLIDATION UPDATE:

Deputy Chief Stevens reported that on August 8, the Statewide 911 Coordinator issued her ruling adopting the ALJ position on Tazewell's waiver request, meaning the County has until July 1, 2019 to complete consolidation. This was the expected ruling and is a short time frame for completion. The Tazewell ETSB currently operates on financial and personnel resources that are not conducive to ongoing operations. There are barriers to agreements in implanting consolidation based on varying positions of affected entities, such as agencies currently served by a consolidated center taking the position that the order should not affect them, the County's normally parsimonious history, including East Peoria's rebuffed attempts to obtain money from the County Public Safety Tax and various views about the propriety of using ETSB to force dispatch consolidation. The Consolidation Committee consists of members for whom this is an additional duty. It is critical that the County recognize its responsibility in this process to facilitate consolidation according to statute.

- d. WCHS Traffic Flow Update: Chief Papis noted that the PD and WCHS collaborated on a traffic flow pattern we think best fits the needs of the school and community and the PD will monitor the results and adjust as needed. Mr. Brownfield noted that busses have in the past exited the south WCHS drive to Bondurant and proceeded to the Peoria intersection. Papis said the PD would adjust as required by the traffic flow. Andrews noted that Public Works will replace the permanent "no parking" signs on Jefferson near the high school with more explicit "no stopping, standing, or parking" signs.
- e. Remote Warning Siren Activation Update: On July 13, Mr. Culotta distributed to Committee members the quote from Ragan Communication for a "reset" button in the PD ground floor for use in re-sounding the sirens in the event the main floor was evacuated. That quote is for \$1,705. Stevens noted that another referenced amount, approximately \$15,000, was for upgrade of the city's sirens to 2-way communication to allow remote testing and diagnoses. Mr. Butler and Mr. Brownfield agreed that the PD should assemble a staff report for consideration by the whole Council on September 5.
- f. Stevens noted the Police Department is seeking Committee and Council guidance on completing the scheduled and budgeted replacement of a 2008 and a 2009 squad car. The Department sought bids from local and out-of-area dealers and awaits Council guidance regarding a vendor for this purchase. We plan to replace a 2008 Crown Victoria with old-style markings and an unmarked, patrol use 2009 Explorer. Mr. Butler and Mr. Brownfield noted potential claims of conflict based on relations to a vendor and

wished to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole on September 12. Mr. Butler and Mr. Brownfield said they agreed with replacing cars that require replacement.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Regarding the street name signs for the Nofsinger/Boyd Parkway intersection, Mr. Andrews said IDOT will allow signage within certain parameters and Public Works is working to develop signage appropriate for the 55 M.P.H. roadway.
  - b. Mr. Brownfield asked about the status of no parking signs on South Cummings. Andrews noted Public Works can install the signs removed from Jefferson near the high school and use other existing stock. Andrews said the work will be performed as the opportunity arises.
6. Mr. Brownfield motioned for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Butler. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.