



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2021 - 4:00 P.M.
City Hall Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the City of Clarksville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Councilperson Travis Holleman, and seconded by Councilperson Vondell Richmond, on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 4:01pm.

ATTENDANCE:

It was noted by Councilperson Holleman that there was a quorum.

Councilperson Vondell Richmond, Councilperson Karen Reynolds, Councilperson Travis Holleman

Others Participating: Building & Codes Director David Smith, Fire & Rescue Chief Freddie Montgomery, Chief of Police David Crockarell, Deputy Chief Rick Stalder, Internal Auditor Stephanie Fox, and Building & Codes Administrative Supervisor Deidre Ward

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The committee unanimously approved the minutes from the September 15, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting and acknowledged the missed October 20th meeting. This was after Councilperson Holleman made a motion to approve. It was approved by Councilperson Richmond and was properly seconded by Councilperson Reynolds.

BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT:

- David Smith spoke on behalf of Building and Codes.
 - He reviewed the previously submitted monthly report.
 - He noted Internal Auditor Stephanie Fox will be auditing Building & Codes next quarter.
 - Mr. Smith opened the floor for questions.
 - Councilperson Reynolds addressed concerns about sign permits.
 - Mr. Smith addressed those concerns. He also mentioned that signs / murals are protected under the 1st Amendment. Building & Codes regulate with policy, not laws. He made note that 4x4 signs can be used without permits.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Chief David Crockarell spoke on behalf of the Police Department.
 - He reviewed the previously submitted monthly report.
 - The police department is still hiring officers. They are also short 4 jobs on the civilian side.
 - He noted how mental health is still an issue. To address this problem, CPD developed a Crisis Intervention Team. It is a team of 25 officers. They are set to graduate a 40 hour course in December.
 - Karen Reynolds suggested the first responders work with the Health Committee to address mental health concerns.
 - He discussed how his team has been finding ways to engage with juveniles to prevent issues (trying to stop crime before it occurs). As a result, The J.E.T. team was created. The Juvenile Engagement Team is composed of a volunteer team, including 1 Police Sergeant and 8 Police Officers. J.E.T. goes live November 22nd.
 - He discussed the staffing challenges faced by all departments.
 - The next Coffee With A Cop event is November 18th.
 - The Shop With A Cop event will be coming in December and will be held at Wal-Mart. CPD will be giving 180 kids \$100 each during this event.
 - Chief Crockarell opened the floor for questions. No additional questions were asked.

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT:

- Chief Freddie Montgomery spoke on behalf of the Fire & Rescue Department.
 - He reviewed the previously submitted monthly report.
 - He reviewed the amount of vacancies his department faces.
 - 3 new vehicles are set to arrive Jan/Feb 2022.
 - The new Burn Building should be done early December 2021.
 - Chief Montgomery opened the floor for questions.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED:

NONE

CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:

NONE

OTHER:

- Councilperson Holleman addressed complaints he was receiving in Ward 7 regarding the parking of commercial vehicles on residential property.
 - Karen Reynolds acknowledged these same complaints from her Ward.
 - David Smith addressed these concerns and the regulations/policies around them. He suggested getting together and changing some of the wording within the regulation.
 - Councilperson Holleman agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Reynolds, seconded by Councilperson Richmond, and approved by all at 4:38 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Deidre Ward
Building & Codes Department

ADOPTED: JANUARY 19, 2022