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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**July 21, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

ATTENDANCE:

Councilperson Richard Garrett, Chairperson; Councilperson Vondell Richmond; Councilperson Karen Reynolds

Absent: Councilperson DaJuan Little; Councilperson Ashlee Evans

Others Present: Building & Codes Director David Smith, Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Steve Batten, Chief of Police David Crockarell, Angela Downey

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairperson Garrett, and it was noted there was a quorum.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The committee approved minutes from May 19, 2021, and June 16, 2021 meeting after a motion was made by Councilperson Richmond and seconded by Councilperson Reynolds.

BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT:

~Mr. Smith gave an overview of the department and asked for questions.

- He stated in his report you'll see the entire 2021 fiscal year, as well as year to date. We generated 50% more revenue than the previous fiscal year, it's about \$1.3 million over 2020, and that's based on the amount of construction.
- He noted for the single family permits, we are looking to finish the year around 1600, well over last year's 1200. He said that we are doing this with the same footprint with no new employees. Also, we are starting to cross train some of our employees.
- Councilperson Reynolds asked, who are you cross training? Mr. Smith said we have 13 construction inspectors to look at various aspects of construction. Once they pick up a certification or two, they can spend more time in the same subdivision looking at more homes, leading to less fuel cost across the board.
- He stated that they have a new software within the GIS program that will soon allow you to click on the parcel map and get the history on that property like active violations, building permits, etc.

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT:

~Deputy Chief Batten gave an overview of the department.

- In his report for June, He stated they had 1219 calls, with 69% being rescue and property loss totaling \$367,000. The Maintenance Division had 69 work orders with 26 service calls.
- He stated that due to COVID there having trouble getting sensors for their trucks, and as of right now, they have 13 trucks that pump water.
- He stated that the Prevention Division had 203 inspections and four investigations. They also had six public record requests, 15 commercial burn permits, 41 firework tent inspections, 18 zoning reviews, and installed 18 smoke alarms.
- He stated they have new software that shows a map of our area to show what incident occurred at that location.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

~Chief Crockarell gave an overview of the department.

- The new District 3 is getting closer to completion; hopefully, we can have our grand opening by the end of August.
- We are continuing to hire officers, and we are graduating and hiring based on our standards. We have 10 in the academy, and five officers just graduated.
- We are getting the support staff re-hired. I have interviews next week for our Account Support position.
- He stated that TBI released yesterday that we are the safest largest city in the state.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:

Resolution 1-2021-22: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CLARKSVILLE FIRE RESCUE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF, MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR THE HANDLE WITH CARE PILOT PROGRAM. (Chief Crockarell)

~ Chief Crockarell brought Resolution 1-2021-22 to the committee. He stated the Handle with Care Program would allow first responders that responded to an address where there was a school-age child present, and the child experienced a traumatic situation, to notify the Montgomery County School System by email the student's name, age, grade, and name of the school with the title Handle with Care. A motion to approve was by Chairperson Garrett and second by Councilperson Reynolds. It was approved by the committee. It will now go before the Finance Committee and the City Council.

There was no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Richmond, seconded by Councilperson Reynolds, and approved by all at 4:44 pm.

Submitted by:
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