



City of Clarksville Public Safety Committee

April 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM
City Hall Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The City of Clarksville Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order by Councilperson Brian Zacharias on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025, at 4:30 PM. Councilperson Zacharias stated for the record that a quorum was present.

2. Announce Members in Attendance (verify quorum)

COUNCILPERSONS

PRESENT: Councilperson Brian Zacharias
Councilperson Jimmy Brown
Councilperson Joe Shakeenab
Councilperson Wanda Smith

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ABSENT: Councilperson Keri Lovato
Councilperson Amber Marquis

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Crosby, Director of Building and Codes
Ty Burdine, Chief of Clarksville Police Department
Freddie Montgomery, Chief of Clarksville Fire Rescue
Ernie Griffith, City Court
Stephanie Fox, Director of Internal Audit

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilperson Brown made a motion for the approval of the March 19th, 2025 minutes. Councilperson Smith seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

A. [Public Safety Committee Minutes 3-19-2025](#)

4. Department Reports

A. [Building & Codes Department Reports](#)

Justin Crosby, Director of Building and Codes, reviewed the monthly report on behalf of the Building and Codes Department. In the month of March, our Construction Division conducted a total of 2,428 inspections. The Code Division opened 163 new cases, and our Abatement Division successfully closed 13 work orders. The department generated approximately \$257,513.53 in revenue during this period. While these numbers are slightly below average, this is typical for the time of year and aligns with seasonal trends. I expect activity to ramp up significantly over the next four to six weeks.

B. [Clarksville Fire Rescue Reports](#)

Freddie Montgomery, Chief of Clarksville Fire Rescue, reviewed the monthly report on behalf of the Clarksville Fire Department. In March, we responded to 1853 calls, of which 59% were rescue and medical type calls. We responded to 16 structure fires and participated in 22 community events. The Fire Prevention Division was impacted by a recent software transition, so the numbers are currently incomplete. We expect to have accurate data by next month, as the new system becomes fully operational. Training activity has been high during this peak period, with 164 classes conducted and 269 students trained. The ribbon cutting for Station 6 will be on May 4, 2025, at 2 p.m.

C. [Clarksville Police Department Reports](#)

Ty Burdine, Deputy Chief of the Police Department, reviewed the monthly report on behalf of the Clarksville Police Department. In total, between self-initiated activity and calls for service, we recorded approximately 15,000 activities this month—it's been a very busy period. Officers conducted around 2,700 traffic stops. Two weeks ago, we proudly swore in eight new officers, and we currently have only seven vacancies within the department, which is a strong staffing position for us. We've also participated in numerous community events and are working on projecting future dates, which I'll share with you soon so you can stay informed about upcoming engagements. As you're aware, the CPD has been going through a significant transition phase due to anticipated retirements and leadership changes, and we've been focused on staying ahead of it through careful planning and preparation. Our upcoming promotion ceremony is scheduled for April 29th at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center, where Scott Thornton and Liane Wilson will be promoted to Deputy Chief. We'll also be filling several leadership roles at that time, including captains, lieutenants, and sergeants. In addition, we're preparing for the second phase of promotions, which will take place on June 24th. It's a pivotal time for the department, and we're working hard to ensure a smooth transition and continued success moving forward.

D. [Municipal Court Reports](#)

Chief Court Clerk Ernie Griffith presented the City Court monthly report.

In March, we issued 2,113 citations and 2,336 violations, resulting in a total of \$151,353.64 collected. We've remained consistently busy. I'll soon be bringing forward some legislation that I believe should go through the Public Safety Committee. The goal is to propose amendments and updates to our Rules of the Road, many of which haven't been revised since 1963. The changes primarily involve clarifying outdated language and modernizing key ordinances. Neil Staffer is working closely with us on this and is well underway. I'll bring the draft to you as soon as it's ready.

5. Committee Action Required

NONE

6. City Council Action Required

NONE

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Councilperson Jimmy Brown; Councilperson Smith seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.

9. Public Comment

(allows 3 persons; 5 minutes each)