

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 10, 2011

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room on the 10th day of March, 2011, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

ABSENT: Don Allen and Malaka Elyzagi

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: Dana Cramer, IAFF (present)
Joel Formby, FOP (present)
Brandon Brooks, OU (present)

STAFF PRESENT: James Fullingim, Fire Chief
Phil Cotten, Police Chief
Lieutenant David Tuescher, Police Department
Major Jim Maisano, Police Department
Major J.D. Younger, Police Department
Anthony Franicsco, Finance Department
Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department
Kathryn Walker, Legal Department

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF THE MARCH 10, 2011, MEETING.

Member Schnell moved that the agenda of the March 10, 2011, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Meazell;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee March 10, 2011, meeting agenda

and the question being upon approving the agenda of the March 10, 2011, meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

NAYES: None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the agenda of the March 10, 2011, meeting was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AMENDED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2011.

Member Mezell moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee amended minutes of February 10, 2011, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee February 10, 2011, amended minutes

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee amended minutes of February 10, 2011, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Mezell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

NAYES:

None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee amended minutes of February 10, 2011, were approved.

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Item 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES.

Finance Report

Anthony Francisco, Finance Department, discussed the February financial reports. Mr. Francisco noted that sales tax was up in January but flat in February. He is concerned that some holiday shopping was on line and therefore did not generate sales tax. He did state that we are on target for the multiyear projections.

Member Holyfield asked why there was expenditures for detectives and narcotics officers out of the Public Safety Sales Tax.

Mr. Francisco stated that those expenditures were always allowed under the ordinance.

Fire Department Report

Chief Fullingim invited the Committee to conduct their May 10, 2011 meeting at Fire Station No. 8. It should be up and running then and they can tour the facilities as well.

Chief Fullingim reported that construction should start on Fire Station #9 in 2012.

Police Department Report

Lt. Teuscher reported that COP hours for February of 2011 were 166. A breakdown of the numbers indicates that 107 hours were spent on partnerships, 42 hours on problem solving and 17 hours on public safety education.

Lt. Teuscher reported that over 20 volunteers had received training in the TEAM program. The schools are catching up from snow days and he believes that we will be able to introduce the program in the target schools around May 1, 2011. Lt. Teuscher also discussed the positive stories regarding the TEAM program and the Academy graduation in the Norman Transcript.

Lt. Teuscher reported that the next Academy is scheduled to start November 4, 2011.

Item 5, being:

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY CLASS OF 2010.

Lt. Teuscher introduced Officer Carl Pendleton, Officer Steve Norton and Officer Shawn Tuschmann who discussed personal experiences regarding Community Oriented Policing and the training they received in the Academy. The personal experiences included serving as an assistant coach with a high school wrestling team, walking through apartment complexes making friends with children living there and being involved with schools. When asked if they felt that they had time to incorporate the Community Oriented Policing concepts in their day to day activities, the Officers responded that they did. When asked if COP were to be discontinued how that would impact them, the Officers felt that they are changing the perspective of police officers in a positive way and would like to continue that process.

Item 6, being:

DISCUSSION OF EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR COLLABORATION WITH NORMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT THE TEAM PROGRAM.

Member Holyfield said that he would like for the committee to send a letter to the Norman Public Schools recognizing the cooperation with the Norman Police Department in the implementation of the TEAM program.

Member Duff stated that he believed that the committee should make this request to the City Council to express this appreciation to the Norman Public Schools.

The committee requested that staff prepare a draft letter to City Council regarding the openness of the NPS administration to the TEAM program and discuss at the next meeting. The letter should also recognize the efforts of the Norman Police Department to develop this training.

Item 7, being:

DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF ACQUIRING SITES FOR TWO ADDITIONAL FIRE STATIONS.

Member Duff asked if the Committee could send a recommendation to Council stating that if there were extra funds in the Public Safety Sales Tax collections, that those funds be used to purchase land now for the next potential 2 new fire stations.

Councilmember Doug Cubberley told the committee that he had two cautions with this request. The first is that if the City purchases land, then it is expected that fire stations would be built. There is no funding for building or manning additional fire stations. The second caution is that there are many needs that both the Police and Fire departments have. The Police need \$1M to replace the CAD system. The Police radio system needs between \$8 and \$9M to be replaced. The Fire department needs 2 fire engines, a brush

pumper and a snorkel unit. Support personnel has not been increased in proportion with increased public safety personnel.

Member Holyfield asked if both the Fire and Police Chiefs could provide the committee with a forecast of long-term needs at the next meeting. The committee could then have a clear idea of what is needed and be better prepared to recommend purchases if there are additional funds in the Public Safety Sales Tax fund.

Item 8, being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Topics identified for the next agenda. Meeting to be held April 14, 2011

- Discussion of forwarding a recommendation to the City Council to send a letter to the Norman Public Schools recognizing the cooperation with the Norman Police Department in the implementation of the TEAM program.
- Discussion of presentations by the Police Chief and Fire Chief regarding long term capital needs.

Item 9, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

No discussion

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.