CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES March 13, 2014

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 3:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 13th day of March, 2014, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:

Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyzagi,

George Henderson, Steve Lucas, David

Wilson, Chair Eddie Sims

ABSENT:

Members Don Allen, James Wheatley, Linda

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COMMITTEE LIAISONS:

Robert Wasoski, FOP (absent) Koby Harrington, OU (present)

IAFF (position vacant)

STAFF PRESENT:

Anthony Francisco, Finance Department Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department Chief Humphrey, Police Department Jamie Shattuck, Police Department

James Fullingim, Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rosenthal

Jessica Bruha, Norman Transcript

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sims.

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Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2014.

Member Elyazgi moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 13, 2014, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Henderson;

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 13, 2014, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyzagi,

George Henderson, Steve Lucas, David

Wilson, Chair Eddie Sims

NAYES:

None

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Chair Sims declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 13, 2014, were approved.

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Item 3, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES

Finance Report No discussion.

Fire Department Report

City will receive two new fire engines a week from Monday. Chief Fullingim said two new tankers are expected to be delivered first of August.

Chair Sims asked if there will be any public relations information from the City to the citizens since the announcement of shelter closing prior to storm season. There will be a flyer in all April utility bills and signage has already been posted at the facilities. There are no plans for law enforcement to be at any of the facilities.

Police Department Report - Lt. Jamie Shattuck

Community policing for January is approximately 475 total hours. Problem solving was the highest category with 223 hours.

The Police Academy graduation is April 10th. Hiring for next Police Academy begins September 5th Plans are to hire 16 personnel which includes final 2 for PSST.

2014 in-service training topics.

Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) program for Zone 2.

February 22, 2014 was the Women's Police Expo was held at Norman North High School. 75 to 100 people, both male and female, were in attendance.

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Item 4, being:

DISCUSSION AND POSSILBE ACTION TO SHOW SUPPORT OF THE PSST RENEWAL.

PSST renewal – Mayor's update

Renewal Campaign Committee convened last week. Poll has been done and majority support.

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- Reasons why citizens support PSST citizen pride, understand making positions permanent, value a safe community
- Opposition to PSST anti-tax opposition

The followings strong points of interest were stated by citizens during the survey polling:

- Retention of 71 police and fire officers
- Reducing response time, particularly on the east side of City of Norman
- Increasing criminal investigations
- School Resource Officer program
- Emergency Communications system update

Norman Public School System is sending a letter to the editor in support of the tax, and citizens should start receiving mailers over the next few weeks.

The CPSO Committee's involvement is strengthened in the language of the new ordinance. This is an important step to increase accountability.

The Campaign Committee also discussed credibility of the CPSO Committee and didn't know much about the Committee's role. It would be valuable to get information about the Committee out to the public.

Chair Sims asked the Committee if they would be willing to author a letter to the editor offering support of the tax.

Member Allen wanted a list of accomplishments included and wanted to express support for the tax. He wanted the letter to describe the Committee firs and put all the member names on the bottom.

Member Henderson made a motion for the Committee to write a letter to the editor in support of the tax. Member Elyzagi seconded. All approved.

Staff will draft the letter and send the letter to Committee members by email for their approval. Once approved staff will deliver to the Transcript. Chair Sims reminded everyone to send comments on the letter only so the Open Meetings Act wouldn't be violated.

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Item 5, being

DISCUSSION AND HANDOUT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RURAL FIRE RESPONSE MAP

Fire Department did not have the handout available. Will have it for the next meeting in April.

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Item 6, being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA IN APRIL

Reminded Committee that the meeting in April would be moved up a week due to both Chair Sims and Co-Chair Wilson's absence. Member Elyazgi stated she would be out of town.

- 1. Discuss results of April 1st vote.
- 2. Fire Department overlays of rural fire response time.

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Item 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

Member Keith Allen stated that the annual report they received in their packets did not include the correct voting results and that he had submitted a minority report to the Committee's Annual Report regarding the transfers that had been made out of the PSST Fund.

Suzanne Krohmer stated that the City Council had received the corrected report with him not approving the Annual Report and his minority report.

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Item 8, being

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Member Wilson to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Member Lucas; a vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Steve Lucas, David Wilson, Chair Eddie Sims

NAYES:

None

Chair Sims declared the motion to adjourn is approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.