

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 9, 2015

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 9th day of April, 2015, 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, Joan Goth, Lea Greenleaf, Matthew Leal, David Wilson, and Chair Eddie Sims

ABSENT: Member Malaka Elyazgi

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: Robert Wasoski, FOP (absent)
Ryan Carter, OU (present)
IAFF (position vacant)

STAFF PRESENT: Suzanne Krohmer, Budget Manager
James Fullingim, Fire Chief
Jim Bailey, Deputy Fire Chief
Lt. Jamie Shattuck, NPD

OTHERS PRESENT: Roger Gallagher, citizen
Jessica Bruha, Norman Transcript

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sims. He introduced Ryan Carter as the student liaison from the University of Oklahoma.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2015.

Member Goth moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 12, 2015, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Wilson;

and the question being to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 12, 2015, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Keith Allen, Joan Goth, Lea Greenleaf, Matthew Leal, David Wilson, and Eddie Sims

NAYES: None

Chair Sims declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 12, 2015, approved.

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ITEM 3, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES

Finance Report

Monthly Detailed Finance Report was presented by Suzanne Krohmer. She pointed out to the Committee that the \$22,825,000 had been added as revenue to the PSST Fund. This will cover financing of the elevated platform fire truck, the new radio system and the Emergency Operations Center. Chief Fullingim said it was his understanding that the bonds will be sold in October. Fire Department is preparing specifications for the truck now. We will go to the factory in May and lock in the price. Delivery of the truck will be approximately 18 months from now.

Fire Department

Chief Fullingim said there will be 7 recruits graduating April 27 at 3:00 pm at the Sarkey's Center on the OU campus. Recruits have completed training and tests. Committee is invited to attend if their schedule allows.

Delivery of new fire engine is scheduled to be here by May 15 and will go to Fire Station #3. The truck at #3 will be transferred to Fire Station #7. The Chief will bring the new engine to a meeting so Committee can see.

Station #9 project is not yet completed. Deputy Chief Bailey said contractor is still working on LEED documentation. There are no change orders to date that have cost extra money. If we have savings from no change orders, then the City shares in the savings or reduced cost.

Police Report

There were 668 Community Policing hours in March which is up from February due to spring festivals. Bicycle police are used for patrolling these events. The Department is hiring for the 53rd Police Academy that begins July 13th. We would like to have 20 recruits to cover the 14 vacancies and 6 officers for the SRO program.

ITEM 4, being:

RCC CONSULTANTS, INC. (RADIO CONSULTANTS) AND RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE

Phase I of the new radio system is complete, and Phase II has started for the RFP bid.

Council approved purchase of body cameras for police officers at the February 10th meeting. It will take approximately 8 weeks after order is submitted to receive the cameras.

Chair Sims asked for a complete update of policies/regulations on the camera system, especially medical calls in homes. Member Allen wanted to know when do police turn on/off the body cameras.

Member Leal asked if there were veteran officers that expressed an interest in serving as an SRO. Lt. Shattuck said yes, we have some that are interested and will be good role models for students.

Member Leal asked about an update on the Memorandum of Understanding on the SRO program. Chair Sims agreed and asked that it be placed on the May agenda.

Member Allen brought up the amount of construction in the City of Norman and lack of proper signage, flagmen, etc. This puts a lot of stress on Police and Fire Departments due to accidents at construction sites. Using proper signage should avert police and fire wrecks. He asked if the Committee should bring this up to the City about time wasted on accidents instead of more important things. At the next meeting, we will ask someone from Traffic Division or Streets Division to address traffic/street construction projects signage.

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Item 5, being:

ESTABLISH AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE MAY 14TH MEETING

Consensus of the Committee to have the following items on the May agenda to be discussed:

- Update on body cameras
- Update on SRO MOU
- Traffic construction zone issues

Annual Report is due to Council in September and will cover time period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. First draft of report will be on the June agenda.

Member Allen asked about the recruiting video that had caused some conversation both pro and con, what has happened. No interest and conversation just died off.

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ITEM 9 being:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

None

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ITEM 10, being

ADJOURNMENT

Member Greenleaf moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee meeting adjourn, which motion was duly seconded by Member Leal;

and the question being to adjourn the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee meeting, a vote was taken with the following results;

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, Joan Goth, Lea Greenleaf, Matthew Leal, David Wilson, and Chair Eddie Sims

NAYES:

None

Chair Sims declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee adjourned at 4:27 pm.