

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 13, 2017

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4 p.m. at Lt. Royce Weddle Firing Range, 3942 Jenkins Avenue, on the 13th day of April, 2017, 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: Chair Eddie Sims, Members Matthew Leal, Bill Scanlon, Melanie Hayes, Linda Price, Joan Goth, Mike McIlvoy, and Lea Greenleaf

ABSENT: Member David Wilson

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: Robert Wasoski, FOP
Lindsay Echols, OU (absent)
IAFF (position vacant)

STAFF PRESENT: Major Kevin Foster, NPD
Capt. Shawn Hawkins, NPD
Lt. Jason Callaghan, NPD
Asst. Chief Joel Chesser, NFD
David Grizzle, NFD
Chad Woodard, NFD
Ashley Evans, Finance Department
Jacob McGuire, Norman Transcript

Item 2, being

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS

Chair Sims called the meeting to order. He welcomed staff and guests to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

Item 3, being

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2017.

Member Price made a motion to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Member Greenleaf; Member

McIlvoy abstained from the vote due to his absence during the last meeting; and the question being to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of March 9, 2017, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Chair Eddie Sims, Members Matthew Leal, Bill Scanlon, Melanie Hayes, Linda Price, Joan Goth, and Lea Greenleaf
NAYES:	None

Chair Eddie Sims declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of March 9, 2017 are approved.

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ITEM 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES

Finance Report

There was no report on Finance due to Suzanne Krohmer being absent for an injury.

Fire Department

Member Scanlon asked about the vehicle charge for the Fire Department. Chair Sims stated that we could send questions to Suzanne to be answered at a later time. Assistant Chief Chesser stated that the new Engine No. 5 will be here in about 2 weeks and about a month and a half later it should be in service.

Police Report

Member Scanlon asked the Police Department what the \$160,000 for audio/visual in their finance report was for. Major Foster stated that this was for the body camera system (initial contract with Watch Guard) that was about to be implemented. Captain Hawkins gave the report. He stated that the 54th Police Academy has concluded and we are now working on the 55th Academy, which will be the lateral hire Academy and will start August 7th. We currently have 13 applicants going through the process and we are looking to hire 8-12. Chair Sims asked how long the new Academy would be. Major Foster stated this would be about 12 weeks. The applicants we received for this Academy came in from all over the country. Captain Hawkins stated that COP hours are up from last month at 1,057 hours; this included Coffee with a Cop and Zini Institute community form. The Citizens Police Academy is halfway to graduation.

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ITEM 5, being:

POLICE DEPARTMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT

Member Scanlon stated that he is not happy with the statistics from this report because without some backup data on which agencies were being polled, more information on the type of questions asked, criteria used in evaluating the comparisons included, etc. the findings have no relevance. Captain Hawkins agreed with this statement and stated that the findings of the assessment were not as fine-tuned to our community as we would have liked them to be. We are currently looking to partner with OU to do a community survey that is more tailored to Norman. Member Scanlon stated that the current self-assessment survey was a free gift to us, but if we partner with OU to do a survey we will have to pay. Captain Hawkins stated that this was correct. We do not currently have any kind of timeline on this survey. Captain Hawkins also stated that he did ask the company behind the self-assessment all of the questions that were brought up by the Committee, but they would not answer them.

Member Greenleaf asked if the Police Department had a stingray. Captain Hawkins stated that they did not have a stingray. Major Foster stated that they do have access to one though. He also explained that a stingray is a mobile false cell site that can be used to capture conversations.

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ITEM 6, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING PHASE II RADIO CONSULTANTS AND RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE

Captain Hawkins stated that Major Younger is leaving the Norman Police Department and Captain Teuscher has been chosen to be the next Major. Once that happens, he will take over the Phase II Radio project. He will be able to give you a better report next month at the meeting.

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ITEM 7, being

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) PROJECT

Major Foster stated that the architects did the needs assessment for the project and came back with about a 45,000 square foot building. We have money for 9,500 square feet. We are working on scaling this down and trying to cut things in order to stay on budget. Member Greenleaf asked if this

was the Hallmark site. Major Foster stated that this was correct. Chair Sims stated that he is concerned we are going to build something that will not be adequate in a few years due to not having the required funds for what was discovered during the needs assessment. Major Foster stated that the project was based on a 2028 projection, and the 9,500 square feet building will probably give us what we have now but in a hardened building. Chair Sims asked if there would be an option of the Committee sending a request for more money for the project to the City Council in order to get what is needed instead of just making due. Major Foster stated that according to the bonds we have to be done with construction by 2018, but as long as we have started the construction by then he thinks it will be fine. Member Greenleaf asked if there was a pre-existing plan as of yet. Major Foster stated that there is not yet; this will be done in Phase II. He meets with the architects and another local firm on Monday to narrow down what we think we can do so they can start the plans.

Chairs Sims requested that this remain a monthly update.

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Item 8, being

USE OF FORCE SIMULATOR

Lieutenant Callaghan gave the presentation. He stated that this Use of Force Simulator allows the officers to train on many different topics instead of just a shooter situation. Captain Lance Arnold started this program and Lieutenant Callaghan finished the process when he was promoted. With this system, you actually see people on the screen and can interact with them. There are over 500 scenarios at this time on the simulator and the company sends 26 more to us every quarter. This simulator helps the officers maintain their firearms certifications during the winter and wet months when they cannot train outside. All of the cadets from the most recent 54th Academy did a lot of their training on the simulator. This simulator also shows civilians the actual process and time that goes into these types of on the spot decisions during the different scenarios. There are five different weapon systems for the simulator that are all identical to what the officers carry. Member Greenleaf asked if this was an ongoing contract. Lieutenant Callaghan stated that it was a 3 year contract and every 3 years we get a new system. Member Greenleaf then asked if he knew which account this contract comes out of. Lieutenant Callaghan stated that he did not know which account they use for this system.

At this point in the meeting, Lieutenant Callaghan showed the Committee how to navigate some of the different scenarios with the Use of Force Simulator. Member Price stated that she thought the system was great.

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Item 9, being

ESTABLISH AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE NEXT MAY 11TH MEETING AT THE NORMAN INVESTIGATION CENTER, 1507 W. LINDSEY STREET

The next meeting will be at the Investigation Center and will involve the new body cameras for the Police Department.

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Item 10, being

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

None

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Item 11, being

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.