

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 9, 2019

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4 p.m. at 201 W. Gray Street, Multi-Purpose Room, on the 9th day of May, 2019, 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 David Wilson,
Joan Goth, Bill Scanlon, Linda Price, and
Melanie Hayes

ABSENT: Members Jim Costello and Lea Greenleaf

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

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Coffman, Budget Manager
Major Teuscher, NPD
Captain Hawkins, NPD
Russell Anderson, Communication Systems
Manager NPD
Jason Smith, NFD

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 April 11, 2019.

Member Price made a motion to amend the minutes in the SRO discussion, and was seconded by Member Hayes. The motion was approved unanimously. Member Scanlon made a motion to amend the minutes during the Fire Department updates, and was seconded by Member Price. This motion was approved unanimously. Member Goth made a motion to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes, as amended, of the April 11, 2019 meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Member Price; and the question being to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of April 11, 2019 a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Chair Eddie Sims, Members David Wilson, Joan Goth, Bill Scanlon, Linda Price, and Melanie Hayes
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NAYES:	none
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Chair Sims declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of April 11, 2019 approved.

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ITEM 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES

Finance Report

Kim Coffman gave the update. She stated that revenues were up about 30% compared to March because we received the quarterly SRO reimbursement from NPS, and sales tax collection was up about 12% compared to March. Expenditures remained consistent with comparable months, except April was a three-pay period month.

Member Scanlon asked about the Police expenditures for Workshops. Captain Hawkins stated that this was due to the second part of the payment of the SMIP that is coming up this summer, as well as three officers going to a class in Boston. Member Scanlon then asked about the EOC design expenditures being less. He wondered if this meant that most of the design process for the EOC was complete. Major Teuscher stated that patrol is getting ready to send an officer to the FBI training, and this would actually account for some of the amount in the Workshops expenditure. Russell Anderson stated that he would find the answer to the question about the EOC design completion and get back to the Committee.

Fire Department

Jason Smith gave the update. He stated that the new pumper tanker will be here in Norman next week, and will be put into service soon. It will be stationed at Fire Station No. 6. Fire has been working with Communications to formulate a new response plan in lieu of the new pumper tanker being able to hold significantly more water than the current pumper tanker. We have a recruitment class of 15 people that will be going to the Fire Academy. We got approval for 2 drivers to be stationed at Fire Station No. 2 in order for us to open up a west side ladder company. We have an EMS Officers position that is currently available.

Police Report

Captain Hawkins gave the update. He stated we are still going through the hiring process for the upcoming August 19th Police Academy, and we hope to fill around 10 positions. Dispatch is now 4 dispatchers down, and we are actively recruiting for these open positions. COP hours for the month of April were 1,583, including 409 hours in DDACTS, 184 hours in COP problem solving, and 990 hours in relationships. Some of the events attended were Coffee with a Cop, Community partnership day, car seat checks, shredding day, medication and ammo disposal, a presentation to the Youth Council at NPS, Norman Music Festival, etc.

Captain Hawkins stated there was a small group from OU that showed up to voice their opposition to the Police being involved in the Pride Festival at all, due to the Stonewall Riots in New York in 1969. The Norman Pride Committee was supportive of the Police being at the festival. We explained to the students from OU that all of these types of events have a Police presence in order to be of assistance.

Captain Hawkins gave the quarterly COP update. He stated that everything is moving along as planned or has been completed. The adult bike school did not go over well this year, but we will give this program another shot. He also stated that the police met with the City Manager last week to discuss a united City response to homeless “tent cities” within Norman. This meeting discussed which departments would do what in response to these “tent cities” and a standard protocol. We have discussed implanting a 48-hour notice to homeless and offering resources for when they are moved.

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ITEM 5, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING PHASE III RADIO CONSULTANTS AND RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE

Major Teuscher gave the update. He stated that two weeks ago Monday, the Police went live with the new radio system. We have had to push back the complete going live due to the equipment not being installed in all of the vehicles as of yet. Hopefully next month he will be able to report that Fire is completely done and Police is very close. The contract with Tusa Consulting has expired, so we will have to extend that contract. Even with the extra purchase of the Parks & Rec radios that we missed, we fully expect to be under budget for this project.

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ITEM 6, being

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) PROJECT

Russell Anderson gave the update. He stated that he does believe that we are nearing the end of the design process. The City is now requiring us to zone and plat the building, which will require us to use an outside agency and cost anywhere from \$10,000-\$50,000. He does not think this will cause much of a delay to the whole process and still anticipates breaking ground by the end of the year.

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Item 7, being

ESTABLISH AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE NEXT June 13, 2019 MEETING

Discussion on the Annual Report will be on the next agenda.

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Item 8, being

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Member Scanlon stated that he and Member Greenleaf visited Alcott Middle School to go on a tour to learn about the safety equipment and processes that were provided by the PSST.

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Item 9, being

ADJOURNMENT

Member Scanlon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Member Price; a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Chair Eddie Sims, Members David Wilson,
Joan Goth, Bill Scanlon, Linda Price, and
Melanie Hayes

NAYES:

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.