



Public Safety Community Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.
Florida Citrus Building – Florida Room
500 Third Street NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Tom Freijo, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Jamie Brown, Committee Clerk

Present: Tom Freijo, Chair; Abdul Al-khatib, Vice-Chair; Richard Treuman; Beth Luxford; Linda Wingate; Melody Johnson; Daniel Maxwell

Note: Linda Wingate and Daniel Maxwell arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Absent: Shandra Blocker; Morgan Wilson; Theophilus Anderson (Alternate)

City Staff Present: Charlie Bird, Public Safety Director; David Brannan, Police Chief and Committee Liaison; Fire Chief Sonny Emery; Christine Samuel, Diversity and Inclusivity Director; Mitch Meadows, Police Captain of Support Services

3. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2022 MEETING MINUTES** – Tom Freijo, Chair

Motion by Beth Luxford to accept the August 4, 2022, meeting minutes.

Second by Melody Johnson

Motion carried 5:0.

4. **LOCAL PROBLEM SOLVING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS** – Abdul Al-khatib, Vice-Chair

Vice-Chair Al-Khatib reported that he received an update from the Pinellas County representative that the price has a slight increase. Will work with Committee Clerk to solidify a date and receive the new quote for approval. Chairman asked Vice-Chair to proceed with whatever steps are necessary to schedule the training.

5. **EMERGENCY MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA** - Work with appropriate people to get the applications process advertised. Chair passed out the By laws pertaining to the application process. Discussion regarding the single-year term members could apply. Reviewed attendance records and the alternate will need to be replaced. 3 members and one alternate up for appointment.

Motion by Beth Luxford to recommend removing the alternate Theophilus Anderson due to non-attendance.

Second by Abdul Al-Khatib

Motion carried 7:0

REPORT ON CLOSED CASE INVOLVING EXCESSIVE FORCE – David Brannan, Chief of Police

Chief Brannan reported on the use-of-force case from 2018 involving former Officer Boone. Discussion was had regarding procedures and the investigation of the case.

6. **POSSIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WEBSITE** – Charlie Bird, Director of Public Safety

Director Bird discussed the ways the committee could communicate with the public through city resources. Staffing issues would prohibit a stand-alone website. Current information on the Committee is available on the City and Police websites. Possible dedicated email for the Committee that would be directed to one or two committee members or for each individual members having a separate email. Staff will explore with I.T. and report back.

Motion by Abdul Al-Khatib.

Second by Melody Johnson

Motion carried 7:0

7. **UPDATE ON USE OF BODYCAM** – David Brannan, Chief of Police

Chief Brannan gave an update of the Body Cam program. The program has had a positive outcome to identify minor training issues that can be addressed. Has also helped with any complaints that have come through and helped with closed IAs.

8. **STATUS OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT** -- David Brannan, Chief of Police

Chief Brannan reported the position has been advertised twice and there have been no applicants. Looking at alternate options for the advertising of the position.

9. **SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Update on email for committee members and application process. Also, update on the Local Problem Solving for Public Safety Partners.

10. **SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING DATE** – October 18, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the Florida Room at Nora Mayo Hall

Motion by Beth Luxford.

Second by Daniel Maxwell.

Motion carried 7:0.

11. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** - David Brannan, Chief of Police

Internal Affairs Report: Chief Brannan gave an update all closed 2022 Internal Affairs.

Update on Recent Attack at Trailhead Park: Chief Brannan updated the committee regarding the arrest of the suspect in the recent attack.

12. **FIRE CHIEF REPORT** – Sonny Emery, Fire Chief

Chief Emery was absent, therefore there was no report.

13. **PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR REORT** – Charlie Bird, Director of Public Safety

Nothing to report.

14. **COMMITTEE CLERK REPORT:** Jamie Brown, Committee Clerk

Nothing to report.

15. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** None

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Beth Luxford to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Second by Daniel Maxwell.

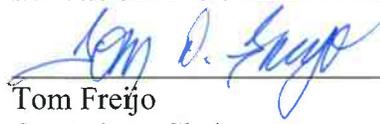
Motion carried 7:0

ATTEST:



Jamie Brown
Committee Clerk
Public Safety Department

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



Tom Freijo
Committee Chair

