



Public Safety Community Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 10, 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 6:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Jamie Brown, Committee Clerk

Present: Tom Freijo, Chair; Abdul Al-Khatib, Vice-Chair; Richard Treuman; Beth Luxford; Melody Johnson; Morgan Wilson; Linda Wingate; Daniel Maxwell; Shandra Blocker; Christina Fullerton (Alternate).

Note: Member Shandra Blocker arrived for the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Absent: Theophilus Anderson (Alternate)

City Staff Present: Charlie Bird, Public Safety Director; David Brannan, Police Chief and Committee Liaison; Fire Chief Sonny Emery; City Manager Mike Herr; City Director of Communications Katrina Hill

3. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES** – Tom Freijo, Chair

Motion by Vice-Chair Abdul Al-Khatib to accept the January 13, 2022, meeting minutes.

Second by Morgan Wilson.

Motion carried 8:0.

4. **PROPOSED INNOVATIVE PUBLIC SAFETY POSITION** – City Manager Mike Herr

City Manager Herr briefed the committee on the proposed position. Director Bird introduced Chief Brannan and Chief Emery who spoke on the Police and Fire aspects of the position. Mr. Herr requested that representatives from the Committee be present at the March 28 City Commission meeting to voice support for the proposed position.

Motion by Morgan Wilson to support the proposed position as presented.

Second Beth Luxford.

Motion Carried 8-0.

5. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS UPDATE – Tom Freijo, Chair

Motion by Richard Treuman to accept the updates as presented.

Second Vice-Chair Abdul Al-Khatib.

Motion Carried 8-0.

6. SUMMARY OF CASE INVOLVING SHOOTING ON OVERLOOK DRIVE – David Brannan, Chief of Police

Chief Brannan gave an overview of the events that occurred on the night of April 17, 2021, resulting in an officer shooting the subject resulting in the subject's death.

7. RECRUITMENT EFFORTS – David Brannan, Chief of Police

Chief Brannan gave an update on open positions at the Police Department and recruitment efforts using creative ways, such as the Corrections Crossover Academy, to achieve a demographic balance.

8. REPORT ON PROBLEM SOLVING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS – Tom Freijo, Chair

Chair Tom Freijo presented an overview of the two-day training opportunity that he along with Vice-Chair Al-Khatib and Captain Donald Nunnery attended. There was very valuable information that was gained through this opportunity that can serve our community.

9. LOCAL PROBLEM SOLVING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS – Abdul Al-Khatib, Vice-Chair

Vice-Chair Al-Khatib presented an opportunity to have this type of one-day training for this Committee and additional citizens from the community for a total of 40 attendees at a cost of \$2,714.52. Dates are to be determined and funding has been approved through the City.

10. EMERGENCY MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Richard Treuman brought questions/clarifications regarding the packet emailed from the Chief of Police regarding annual statistics such as Early Intervention System, Use of Force and Internal Affairs.

11. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Discussion of Disciplinary General Order

12. **SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING DATE** – April 14, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the Florida Room at Nora Mayo Hall

Motion by Beth Luxford.

Second by Shandra Blocker.

Motion carried 9:0.

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

Body camera update: Deployment date for officers to be equipped is tentatively scheduled for March 28, 2022.

Shooting on Buckeye Loop Rd: Polk County Law enforcement agency heads met with Polk Pastors Assoc. following the shooting on Buckeye Loop Rd. Agencies will be working together on issues that present themselves resulting from subjects potentially causing disruption who are traveling through our City.

14. **COMMITTEE CLERK REPORT:** Clerk supplied a list of Police and Fire contacts for the Committee members to have in case they encounter questions/complaints from the public.

15. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** None

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Abdul Al-Khatib to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Second by Morgan Wilson.

Motion carried 9:0.

ATTEST:

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Jamie Brown
Committee Clerk
Public Safety Department

Tom Freijo
Committee Chair