



MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2007  
7:00 p.m.  
Mayor's Conference Room

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- Members Present:** Chairman M. Anderson, Ald. K. Jones, Ald. A. Bateman, Ald. F. Wsol, & Ald. J. Allegretti
- Members Absent:** Ald. M. Ryan
- Staff Present:** Police Chief J. Caudill, Fire Chief E. Dubowski, Deputy Police Chief T. Swoboda, Cmdr. L. Jogmen & S. Patras
- Others Present:** C. Baldacchino & J. Johnson

Chairman M. Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMAN WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**II. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chief Caudill distributed a press release regarding a Home Invasion and discussed a few details regarding this crime. Ald. Wsol asked for forty copies so he could distribute this information in his neighborhood.

Chief Caudill discussed a recent coyote attack of a small dog. This occurred in the 100 block of Edgemont Lane. An informational press release will be out before the end of the week.

**V. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

None.

**VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Police Facility Site Survey Results**

Chief Caudill informed committee members of the results of one of Mr. Ray Lee's preliminary studies. Mr. Lee responded to the question as to what could be built for seven to nine million dollars. Assuming the city owns the property, and assuming there would be no indoor or underground parking, the approximate cost for a turnkey facility with 24,000 to 26,000 square feet, would be approximately \$8,503,000 to \$9,981,180. Mr. Lee did not indicate what actually would be included in these costs as far as space planning is concerned, added Chief Caudill. Discussion as to what could be included in this space allotment took place, with Cmdr. Jogmen noting a lot more than just the range and parking spaces would be lost in building a 26,000 sq. ft. station.



Ald. Allegretti suggested asking Mr. Lee to look at the two sites previously discussed - the current site including the Courtland property, and the AT & T site, and to come back with cost estimates as to what it would cost the city to build what is actually needed at these sites. After seeing actual costs, the committee can then decide to take things away if the costs are too high, added Ald. Allegretti.

Ald. Jones did not think the committee should focus on just the dollar amount, adding that it would not be good to build a station that would be outgrown or not large enough to fulfill the needs of the police department. An email sent by Ald. Ryan, asking Mr. Lee to consider the Elm Street site once again was discussed, and the consensus of the committee was to have Mr. Lee concentrate on the two sites the committee had suggested at the prior meeting. Chairman Anderson stated he has now seen what the city can get for nine million dollars and he doesn't like it, and would like to have Mr. Lee finish his task on the two sites previously discussed. Ald. Wsol concluded by asking committee members to keep an open mind on the Elm Street site.

**B. Red Light Camera Study**

Chief Caudill announced that Cmdr. Kathy Shaughnessy has been researching this issue, but was unable to attend tonight's meeting. In her absence, Chief Caudill explained that Cmdr. Shaughnessy researched the top 10 intersections with the most accidents for 2006, and then compared this information to previous years. Discussion ensued with Ald. Allegretti stating the numbers seem to be on the low side and is unsure if cameras are really necessary. It was mentioned that the idea behind installing the cameras was to reduce accidents, and if this wasn't going to happen, then are they really necessary.

Chief Caudill discussed additional research conducted by Cmdr. Shaughnessy which showed a small percentage of accidents were reduced due to these cameras with some studies showing an increase in accidents. Chairman Anderson stated he does not believe the information gathered is convincing enough to go forward with the cameras. Ald. Wsol thanked staff for the time spent in researching the cameras, but agreed with Chairman Anderson. The consensus of the committee was to not go forward with the cameras at this time.

**C. Administrative Tow Fees**

Cmdr. Jogmen shared the results of his study on the administrative tow fees issue, and mentioned they are encouraging. Cmdr. Jogmen stated he has talked with City Attorney's Buzz Hill and Kathi Henn, and relayed that they are comfortable with the city going forward on this item, but mentioned the city needs to decide which offenses this new ordinance would affect.

Chairman Anderson believed this should apply for Drunk Driving and Revoked and Suspended License offenses as previously discussed. Cmdr. Jogmen mentioned Suspended Licenses and DUI's, and included Drag Racing. Further discussion ensued as to the various charges that should be included, and Chairman Anderson suggested noting in the ordinance, that if charged with a DUI and convicted of anything (reckless driving, etc.) your money would be kept. Chief Caudill stated that cars must be able to be retrieved 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which Bauer's might not be able to do. The city may have to go out to bid for a new towing company. Ald. Wsol added that whomever the city uses should be a reputable firm. The consensus of the committee was to move forward on preparing a draft ordinance. Chief Caudill informed committee members that the most common charge is \$500.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.