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**NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday February 9, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
****VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING****

MINUTES

Council Members Present:

Mr. Bill Bell, Co-Chair
Ms. Karen Hartley-Nagle, President
Mr. John Cartier
Mr. George Smiley
Mr. Timothy Sheldon
Mr. David Tackett
Mr. Kenneth Woods

Mr. Jea Street, Co-Chair
Mr. Penrose Hollins, Pro-Temp
Mr. David Carter
Ms. Dee Durham
Ms. Lisa Diller
Ms. Janet Kilpatrick

1. Call to Order

- Councilman Bell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting

- Motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilman Cartier, seconded by Councilman Smiley, and approved unanimously by the members present.

3. Update Emergency Communications/911 Center

- Chief Jeff Miller gave a brief presentation of the current staffing, call volume and call processing times for the Emergency Communications 911 Center.
- Questions and discussion from Council.

4. NCCPD Presentation regarding Ordinance 20-122

- **°20-122: (STATUS: TABLED) AMEND THE FY2021 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED POSITION COUNT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BY FIFTEEN POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS TO ACCOMMODATE THE UPCOMING 48TH NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY**
- Councilman Bell read the Title and introduced Colonel Bond, Chief of Police, who gave a detailed presentation on the need for the increase of 15 police officers. In addition, the fiscal note from the original Ordinance was corrected and explained.
- Questions and discussion from Council.

5. **NCCPD Response to Unusual Circumstances** - (May go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential documents that pertain to security of County buildings.)
 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, seconded by Councilman Smiley, and approved to go into Executive Session at 5:19 p.m. to discuss sensitive and confidential information for the security of Council.
 - Motion to exit Executive Session was made by Councilman Tackett, seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick at 5:53 p.m.
 - Motion to return to regular Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, seconded by Councilman Tackett at 5:57 p.m. Councilman Bell announced that no votes were taken while in Executive Session.

6. **Other**
 - Councilman Street asked questions regarding:
 - safeguards to ensure there is no police radicalization in NCCPD or in the Police Academies,
 - in the event of emerging forces, does the Jurisdictional Agreement/MOU's state who would be in charge,
 - if there were a plan or if there are policies and procedures regarding civil unrest or civil disobedience.
 - Councilman Street requested copies of the various jurisdictional agreements, written plans, policies and procedures.

7. **Public Comment** – In light of the lateness, Councilman Bell did not call for Public Comment.

8. **Adjournment**
 - Motion was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Barlow, Legislative Aide to Councilman Bell, Co-Chairman Public Safety Committee. This meeting of the Public Safety Committee was also taped and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

**In accordance with Governor Carney's Proclamation, coupled with the Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency, New Castle County Council held this meeting as a telephone and video conference, utilizing Zoom Webinar. Meeting materials, including a meeting agenda, legislation to be addressed during the meeting, and other materials related to the meeting are electronically accessible at <https://nccde.org/AgendaCenter/County-Council-1>*