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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Co-Chair Bell, President Hartley-Nagle and Councilmembers Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Carter, Co-Chairman Street, Hollins, Smiley, Durham, Cartier, Diller and Tackett

1. Call to order:

- Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman Bell at 3:03 p.m.

2. Review / Adoption of the December 11, 2018 minutes:

- A motion to accept the minutes with a correction of the word (Corodia) to Croda of the December 11, 2018, Public Safety Committee meeting was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, and approved unanimously by the members present.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 19-010

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$38,435.39 IN EMERGENCY ILLEGAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT (EIDE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S EIDE – FY2019 DRUG CONTROL OVERTIME GRANT

- Mr. Bell introduced the Ordinance.
- Chief Vaughn Bond, NCCPD, talked about this grant and stated its use is for drug investigations with undercover drug officers and overtime.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 19-011

Introduced by: Mr. Street Mr. Bell

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$50,842.89 IN STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) - FY2019 TARGETED ANALYTIC POLICING SYSTEM (TAPS) OVERTIME GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- Mr. Bell introduced the Ordinance.
- Chief Vaughn Bond, NCCPD, talked about this grant stating its use is for overtime offered to compact quality of life issues in our identified drug communities in our weekly TAPS meeting on the Rt. 9 corridor, Edgemoor, in addition to the Mobile Team.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 19-012

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE FY2019 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED POSITION COUNT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BY FIFTEEN PARAMEDIC POSITIONS IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE UPCOMING 2019 NEW CASTLE COUNTY PARAMEDIC CLASS

- Mr. Bell introduced the Ordinance.

- Michael Hojnicky, Acting Public Safety Director, talked about overfilling the 2019 Paramedic Class and are looking to hire 22 paramedics. This is an 18-24 month-program and the biggest class in New Castle County. He thanked Council for their support.
- Q & A by Council.

6. Update on Paramedic Academy Class:

- Discussion was part of Item 5.

7. Year End Review of NCCPD:

- Major Robert McLucas talked about the 36 new recruits and they are coming from eight different Police Departments. Of those recruits 23 of them will come from NCCPD; 13 White males, 3 White Females, 5 Black Males, 1 Hispanic Male and 1 Asian Female, they will be in training for 6 months. This is one of the most diverse classes they had in years.
- Major Robert McLucas also provided a presentation on the HERO HELP Program. He discussed the Addiction Assistance was implemented in May 2016. Between May 2016 through February 2018, a total 193 people participated in the program which is an increase of about 500%. A hand-out was provided.
- Q & A by Council

5. Report on February 3, 2019 Delaware City Refinery Fire:

- Co-Chair Bell stated that just once he would like the headline to read how important and vital the First Responders are in a fire situation.
- Michael Hojnicky, Acting Public Safety Director, gave a brief overview of the Refinery Fire and the statistics on the notification of surrounding communities within 2.5-mile radius. He also discussed the paramedic and incident command team staffing.
- Q & A by Council

6. Other:

- Co-Chair Street stated that he is infuriated about the closing of Glasgow High School for two days on Thursday and Friday and the need for more interventionist. He also talked about the desmo test scores of City children in City schools in the Christiana School District where you have less than 10% meeting the State standards; in every school in every grade.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mrs. Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 PM.