

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2019 @ 4:00PM
(Retired) Milton Lockett Jr., Community Room

Call to order

Chairperson Tyson Begly called to order the regular meeting of the **Public Safety Advisory Committee** at 4:00 p.m.

The following persons were present: Geraldine Buckner, Donald Watkins, Bill Ward, Tyson Begly and Pete Temesgen.

Absence: Dr. Dothel Edwards Jr., Julio Portillo, Willie Phillips
Visitors: Assistant Chief of Police, Gil Slouchick

Chair Tyson Begley Welcomed the Committee

Chairperson Tyson Begley welcomed the committee and introduced Assistant Chief G. Slouchick of the Columbus Police Department.

Assistant Chief G. Slouchick

Chief Slouchick discussed the following topics:

- Recruitment & Retention issues.
- RMS Computer System being upgraded in police vehicles.
- Take home vehicles for officers in neighboring Georgia counties
- Changes on No Tattoos showing policy to officers who have tattoos can show them openly now.
- New application software, to speed up application process for new hires.
- Hiring Fairs.
- 103 officers short.
- Permanent Morning Watch for Police Officers.
- Salary, Insurance, retirement, benefits is a factor for officers leaving the department and looking at different agencies that will provide these compensations.

A lengthy discussion between Chief Slouchick and the committee concerning the above issues.

Adjournment

Mr. Tyson Begly thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meetings

PSAC Meeting, Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 4 p.m., in the Milton Lockett Jr., Public Safety Building Community Room.

Deborah Gasaway

Recording Secretary

Submitted by: Deborah Gasaway

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