

Public Safety Advisory Commission – Columbus, GA
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/15/2021
Location: Milton Lockett Community Room – Public Safety Bldg.
Start time: 4:00 PM EST
Adjournment time: 5:00 PM EST
Next meeting: Thursday, August 19, 2021
Meeting Recorder: Annalisa Shelling

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Rohwedder, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Watkins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Temesgen, Vice-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Swiney |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Byron Hickey | <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Branchcomb |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Taft | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belvin Millner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander King |

Minutes

The meeting started at 4:00 PM EST in the Milton Lockett Community Room of the Public Safety Building.

David Rohwedder discussed the meeting he attended with Chief Blackmon and Mayor Henderson. There will be a Columbus Consolidated Government Pay Study conducted that will cost \$350,000. This pay study will be done to compare different positions pay (including all public safety) with agencies in other areas, etc. There are concerns that when the pay study is completed, the pay recommendations may still not be funded.

Donald Watkins stated that he thinks there should be a separate pay student for Public Safety and General Government Employees. Byron Hickey stated that with the 100 extra officer (vacancies) that the city should have lots of extra money saved.

Just a reminder that PSAC Members can always call their respective City Councilor if they have any questions, or concerns. It was mentioned that Councilor John House is usually always available for complaints or concerns.

Subpoena Powers – There will be another Town Hall meeting coming up that will discuss Subpoena Powers. David Rohwedder will get more information on this meeting and share it with PSAC Members.

Use of Force Reports – There were zero officer reported shootings, or incidents in the Monthly Report received from Chief F. D. Blackmon.

June Monthly Minutes – The minutes were approved by Stanley Swiney and Donald Watkins.

The next meeting on August 19, 2021, will be held in person in the Milton Lockett Community Room of the Public Safety Building at 4:00 PM EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM EST