

# PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## ***Meeting Minutes***

Thursday, May 21, 2020 @ 4:00PM  
ZOOM Conference Meeting Online

### **Call to order**

**Chairperson Tyson Begly** called to order the regular meeting of the **Public Safety Advisory Committee** at 4:07 p.m.

The following persons were present: Dr. Dothel Edwards Jr., Donald Watkins, Bill Ward, Lisa Branchcomb, Scott Taft and Tyson Begly.

Absence: Byron Hickey, Father Noel Danielewicz, Geraldine Buckner, Julio Portillo, Pete Temesgen.

Visitors: No Visitors

### **Chair Tyson Begly Welcomed the Committee**

Chairperson Tyson Begly welcomed the committee

Officer Shortage: No update on pay compression due to Covid priorities

Visibility of House numbers: Update from John Hudgison that city confirms any new builds or permits are up to code, but does not actively look for houses without numbers. Tyson to research possibility of a PSA to encourage everyone to update their street numbers.

Pandemic crime stats: Crime Analysis Unit provided quarterly stats for everyone. Murders are up but theft/burglary/larceny is down

Jail backlog: Mr. Begly provided the video of the District Attorney forum. You can vote for either candidate at the June 9, 2020, Democratic Primary

Ambulance plan and on-staff mechanic: Tyson to research further

Homeless one-pager: Tyson to continue working with Ben Moser of United Way

Fair Treatment Policy: Reviewed policy provided by Debbie. Scott to discuss with Phenix City officers to compare.

Future tours/speakers: New Horizons tour of jail, head of Uptown Columbus, Muscogee County jail work program

A lengthy discussion on current initiatives and topics.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Tyson Begly thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting ended at 4:48 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

PSAC Meeting, Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 4 p.m., ZOOM Conference Meeting.

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Deborah Gasaway  
Recording Secretary

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