

## CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 12, 2023

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4 p.m. via 201 W. Gray St. City Council Chambers, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Linda Price, Members Ann Gallagher, Lea Greenleaf, Kyle Hurley, Mark Emerson, Russell Rice, Mike Rainer and Greg Gilkey

ABSENT: Member Kenny Orr

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: FOP (position vacant)  
OU (position vacant)  
IAFF (position vacant)

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Coffman, Budget Manager  
Dannielle Risenhoover, Administrative Technician IV  
Major Barbour, NPD  
Captain Hopcus, NPD  
Chief Travis King, NFD  
David Grissam, Communication Systems Supervisor

CITIZENS PRESENT: Bill Scanlon

ITEM A, BEING:

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Price called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. She welcomed staff and guests to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

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ITEM B, BEING:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2022

Member Greenleaf made a motion to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Member Emerson; and the question being to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of December 8, 2022, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Chair Linda Price, Members Ann Gallagher, Lea Greenleaf, Kyle Hurley, Mark Emerson, Russell Rice, Mike Rainer, and Greg Gilkey

NAYES:

none

Chair Price declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of December 8, 2022 approved.

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ITEM C, BEING:

MONTHLY UPDATES- Finance and Budget

Kim Coffman gave the report. She stated that revenue is about 3% behind the year-to-date budget target due to reduced sales tax receipts. Expenditures have been conservative and are below the budget target. There were no major or unusual purchases for the month of December, 2022.

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ITEM D, BEING:

MONTHLY UPDATES- Fire Department

Chief King gave the update. The brush pumper that was purchased in FYE 22 should be in service by the end of January. The brush pumper will dispatch out of station 5 and be utilized to run medical calls, brush fires and structural fires. Chief King stated that brush pumpers decrease emergency response times and reduces wear on more expensive apparatuses.

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ITEM E, BEING:

MONTHLY UPDATES- Police Department and Dispatch

Major Barbour gave the update. The department is working on budget requests for next fiscal year which include the following requests coming through PSST: 4 remaining School Resource Officer (SRO) positions, 2 remaining dispatch positions, and vehicles for the SROs. There will be another

Citizens Police Academy in 2023 but the dates have not been determined. On February 10, the department will rotate bureaus and staff. At that time, the PSST will fall under Major Vincent and Captain Hopcus.

There are currently 29 commissioned vacancies within the Norman Police Department (NPD). The department is currently holding 3 academies during this time. Four officers that are enrolled in NPD's traditional academy will graduate in February, three officers in NPD's lateral academy should graduate in approximately 5 weeks, and six others are in a modified academy. No date was given on their graduation date. Applications for NPD's June academy have almost doubled. These applicants have passed their background checks, submitted all required paperwork and are scheduled to test. Statistically, the department could end up with 10-15 employable officers for their June academy, which will graduate around December.

Major Barbour states that there is a bidding war between cities for police officers, as they are hard to find across the nation. NPD's pay increase last year made NPD's salaries very competitive; however, Oklahoma City just approved a significant pay increase for their officers. According to Major Barbour, "Where that harms us (NPD), in competitiveness, is there are agencies who tie their (police officer) contracts to Oklahoma City's baseline (pay), so what Oklahoma City gets this year, Moore, for example, gets automatically next year – it's not negotiated. It's a bidding war right now."

There are currently 9 non-commissioned vacancies within NPD. Positions include: one part-time parking services position, one records position, one victims advocate position, and one Animal Welfare position.

David Grissam, Communications Systems Supervisor, gave the update. After January 20<sup>th</sup>, the communications center will be down 3 people. Twenty applicants have confirmed their attendance for a hiring seminar. Interviews are scheduled for February 3 with a tentative hire date of March 24.

The Citizens' Advisory Board is fully staffed and will be meeting this month.

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ITEM F, BEING:

#### UPDATE ON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) PROJECT

Major Barbour gave the update. He stated that the design phase is complete and submitted. On January 17<sup>th</sup> Crossland Construction Company will review the construction bids and a construction contract is anticipated to go before Council the first week in February. The ground breaking will be on site and has been scheduled for January 19 at 2:00 p.m. with a contingency date of January 26.

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ITEM G, BEING:

ESTABLISH AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE FEBRUARY 9, 2023 MEETING

No additional items were suggested by the Committee.

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ITEM H, BEING:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Member Greenleaf commented that he was glad to see the EOC finally coming to fruition. Committee Chair Price encouraged everyone to come to the EOC ground breaking ceremony on January 19 and complimented the department on all the hard work they have done in getting the EOC off the ground.

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ITEM I, BEING:

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm.