



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Development Center, Room B, 225 N. Webster Ave., Norman, OK 73069
Thursday, May 09, 2024 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Linda Price
Committee Member Kenny Orr
Committee Member Lea Greenleaf
Committee Member Russell Rice
Committee Member Ann Gallagher
Committee Member Greg Gilkey

ABSENT

Committee Member Kyle Hurley
Committee Member Mark Emerson

OTHERS

Major Brent Barbour, NPD
Battalion Chief Chad Roney, NFD
Russell Anderson, Comm. Systems Manager
Dannielle Risenhoover, Administrative Tech. IV
Jacob Huckabaa, Budget Technician
Bill Scanlon, Citizen
Major Chad Vincent, NPD
Anthony Francisco, Director of Finance

Chair Price called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 11, 2024

Member Greenleaf moved to approve the April 11, 2024 Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes which was duly seconded by Member Rice. The motion passed unanimously.

Items submitted for the record:

Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Minutes from April 11, 2024.

REPORTS

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Jacob Huckabaa gave the report. Huckabaa stated that sales tax for the fiscal year-to-date is 5.25% below the revenue target, the use tax fiscal year-to-date is 14.9% above the revenue target, and the overall revenue is 5.79% below the fiscal year-to-date target. On the expense side of the budget, Huckabaa stated that the salaries, supplies and service maintenance costs were "pretty standard". The total expenditures for April were \$1,059,388.

Member Greenleaf asked if the City has received any payments from the Norman Public School District (NPS) for services provided by the City of Norman School Resource Officers (SROs). Huckabaa replied, "As of Friday (May 3, 2024) we have not (received any payment)."

Anthony Francisco commented, "We have renewed the invoice to them (NPS). There was some dispute about the amount that was owed, particularly for the overtime payments. We tried to get them to pay the amount that is not in dispute, and we're hoping that will come to fruition. We have to have the payment by June 30 (2024) in full."

Items submitted for the record:

Financial Reports

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. MONTHLY UPDATES

a) FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Battalion Chief Chad Roney gave the report. The building of engine three will start in quarter one of 2025. The building of the ladder truck will take anywhere from 18 to 36 months. Roney states that this is currently the typical build time for every manufacturer. There is no projected build dates on the two additional engines that were allocated.

The Public Safety Study profile has been received by the fire department. This profile reports the staffing status and responsibilities of the Fire Department and establishes a baseline for recommended changes. The Norman Fire Department is in the process of reviewing other reports within the Public Safety Study for accuracy. Roney stated that as part of the Public Safety

Study, a community survey will be distributed around May 20. Responses will be accepted and recorded for approximately one week.

Member Greenleaf asked if there were any updates between the Firefighter Union and the paramedic-firefighters at stations five and six. Roney stated, "Negotiations are currently on-going right now."

b) POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Major Chad Vincent gave the report. There are 184 commissioned positions available with the Norman Police Department (NPD) with 169 of those positions filled. Eleven applicants are in the background process for the August 2024 Police Academy, with eight cadets in the current Police Academy and two officers in field training.

Vincent listed several upcoming events that NPD is preparing for including: a Law Enforcement Torch Run, the NPD Awards Ceremony, and Community Day at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

c) DISPATCH UPDATES

Russell Anderson gave the report. The Dispatch Department is down four employees. Seven applicants recently passed the interview portion of the hiring process.

The University of Oklahoma is now on the City of Norman's Computer Aided Design (CAD) system.

Saturday, May 18, Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is hosting a "live wire demo" at McFarland Methodist Church. The NPD Mobile Command Post will be present and showcased along with fire and police vehicles. This event is from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

d) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS CENTER (ECOC) UPDATES

Major Brent Barbour gave the report. July 18, 2024 is the projected Grand Opening day for the Emergency Communications Operations Center (ECOC). Funding for the NPD vehicle storage facility has been approved through City Council. A contract has been signed between the City and Crossland Construction for the build. It is expected that construction of the vehicle storage facility will be completed by August or September of 2024.

NPD is currently working with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) to purchase terminals for the ECOC. The cost of the terminals is approximately \$840,000. Mayor Heikkila and City Manager Darrel Pyle are working to get ACOG to take this fee out of the tax dollars that ACOG collects and owes the City.

NPD activated incident command twice during the last week. "Monday night if you would have come to the police department you would have seen people from every emergency services area from all over the county to make sure we were ready to respond to whatever came our way," Barbour said. He commented on how great it will be to not have to evacuate their incident command location once NPD occupies the ECOC.

Norman Regional Hospital, Porter Complex, will be closing toward the end of July.

3. ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR THE APRIL 11, 2024 MEETING

Member Rice asked to discuss the Fire Department and ambulance services' response to overdoses and what can be done to send less people and less equipment to these scenes. "It's costing our maintenance of the vehicles to go up and every time we roll a truck it costs money. Alternatively, if we need someone to be there quickly with lifesaving material that the Fire Department carries, a little truck would get them there with two people to maintain them until the ambulance gets there. Finding a way to save money of the Fire Department's maintenance is where I'm headed," Rice said. It was agreed that this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Chair Price asked Anthony Francisco about the Committee's vacancy not being filled. Francisco responded, "That's a problem that we're having with several commissions - getting appointments made. We'll remind the Mayor and City Clerk of that and hopefully they will respond."

Member Greenleaf asked if there was a projection on when the City and the Firefighter's Union will come to an agreement regarding the Paramedic-firefighter grievance. An answer was not available and Chair Price asked that the City's Legal Department be asked for an update.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was duly seconded by Member Gilkey. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Price, Chair
Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee