



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Development Center, 225 N. Webster Ave., Norman, OK 73069
Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 4:00 PM

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 9, 2023

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4 p.m. via 225 N. Webster Ave, Room B, Norman, OK, on the 9th day of March, 2023, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Linda Price, Members Ann Gallagher, Lea Greenleaf, Kyle Hurley, Mark Emerson, Greg Gilkey and Kenny Orr

ABSENT: Members Russell Rice and Mike Rainer

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

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Coffman, Budget Manager
Jacob Huckabaa, Budget Technician
Dannielle Risenhoover, Administrative Tech. IV
Major Barbour, NPD
Captain Hopcus, NPD
Russell Anderson, Communication Systems Manager

CITIZENS PRESENT:

ITEM A, BEING:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Price called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. She welcomed members and staff to the meeting.

ITEM B, BEING:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF February 9, 2023

Member Hurley made a motion to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Member Gallagher; and the question being to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 9, 2023, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Chair Linda Price, Members Ann Gallagher, Lea Greenleaf, Kyle Hurley, Mark Emerson, Greg Gilkey, and Kenney Orr

NAYES:

None

Chair Price declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 9, 2023 approved.

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ITEM C, BEING:

MONTHLY UPDATES- Finance and Budget

Kim Coffman gave the report. She stated that the City is holding strong to their revenue projections for FYE 23 and all departments are below their targeted expenditure budget. The only capitol purchases in February were equipment purchased for police patrol unit #1115, parts purchased for fire department apparatus #52, fire department protective clothing, and an \$8000 payment to Crossland Construction for construction of the Emergency Communications Operations Center (ECOC). The City is still waiting on the 3rd quarter School Resource Officer reimbursement from Norman Public School District.

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ITEM D, BEING:

MONTHLY UPDATES- Fire Department

None.

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ITEM E, BEING:

MONTHLY UPDATES- Police Department and Dispatch

Major Brent Barbour gave the report. The Norman Police Department (NPD) recently completed a software upgrade that is reported to have gone well. NPD continues to work thru the budget process for FYE 24. The February 26, 2023 Norman tornado response required a significant amount of NPD manpower that resulted in overtime for police officers. The overtime costs will be reflected on the City's

Item E, continued:

March payroll. Barbour states that spring is always busy and April brings a lot of outreach opportunities for NPD. Some of the events that NPD is preparing for are the Crime Stoppers Banquet on April 7, the Norman Music Festival, the Medieval Fair, and the OU football Spring game.

Major Chad Vincent and Major Barbour were selected to attend the 10 week, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy. Three NPD officers, in the last 3 years, have been selected to attend. Barbour states, "This is remarkable and reflects NPD's effort to make sure their officers are developing and growing." Major Vincent will also be attending a leadership conference this year.

Two cadets graduated from NPD's lateral academy, leaving the department with 27 commissioned vacancies. The department currently has 7 cadets in a traditional academy. It is expected that these 7 cadets should graduate in June. The 64th NPD Academy has 19 applicants that are currently going through the background check process. The 64th Academy will start in June. There are approximately 35 applicants in testing for the August academy. Barbour is hopeful that by March 2024, NPD will be back to a normal attrition rate. Currently, several officers have been pulled from their designated divisions to make the patrol division operational.

Russell Anderson, Communication Systems Manager, gave the report. The communications department has 2 applicants that have passed their background checks. If they pass their polygraph testing, they could have an employee start date of March 31. If these applicants are hired, the communications department would be down 1 position.

Anderson and several City of Norman employees will be meeting with the City of Moore's Fire Chief and Police Chief to discuss City of Norman's radio system. For officer safety reasons, City of Moore will be making a decision to join Norman's radio system or Oklahoma City's radio system. Discussion will be had about City of Moore also using Norman's CAD system as well. City of Norman and City of Moore are working on a combined SWAT team. Anderson is working creating an appropriate communications system between the two cities. Several Cleveland County Sheriff's Department radios have been identified as working well on Norman's communication system, yet more progress is being sought to secure greater interoperability.

The mobile command center will be sent off for a "substantial technology refresh" after the Medieval Fair which will be held March 31-April 2. For Music Fest, NPD will be dispatching out of their bomb trailer.

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ITEM F, BEING:

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (ECOC) PROJECT

Major Barbour gave the update. Construction contracts are signed and in place for the Emergency Communications Operations Center (ECOC) building and the occupancy date is currently July 2024.

The ECOC is an approximately 19,800 square foot building that is specked for 1 generator with plans for a second generator to be built in at a later date. This building will be rated for category 5 wind speeds and will be used as a safe refuge for the City's utility and water treatment employees during severe weather. A separated budget request or applications for grants will follow the initial construction of the ECOC to allow for a 5-bay barn to be built.

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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 on the February 26, Norman tornado. Greenleaf stated that the firefighters did an “extraordinary job” and encouraged everyone to purchase a weather radio.

Chair Price questioned who determined street closures during events like the February 26 tornado. Major Barbour replied, stating that road closures are commonly determined by what power lines need repaired. Price also questioned who was responsible for cleaning up miscellaneous storm debris. Major Barbour referred Chair Price to the Norman Action Center for clarification and specifics regarding her question.

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ITEM I, BEING:

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Linda Price, Chair
Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee