



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Development Center, Room B, 225 N. Webster Ave., Norman, OK 73069
Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

The Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in Conference Room B at the Development Center, on the 11th day of July, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, Development Center at 225 N. Webster and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Committee member Kyle Hurley

OTHERS

Major Brent Barbour, NPD
Asst. Chief Chad Roney, NFD
Russell Anderson, Comm. Systems Manager
Dannielle Risenhoover, Administrative Tech. IV
Jacob Huckabaa, Budget Technician
Bill Scanlon, Citizen
David Grizzle, NFD
Shaakira Calnick, Internal Auditor
Anthony Francisco, Director of Finance
Brayden Gulliver, Citizen

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 JUNE 13, 2024

Member Rice moved to approve the June 13, 2024 Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes which were duly seconded by Member Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

Items submitted for the record:

Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Minutes from June 13, 2024.

REPORTS

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

Jacob Huckabaa gave the report. Fiscal year 2024 (FY24) ended on June 30, 2024 and fiscal year 2025 (FY25) started on July 1, 2024. The Public Safety Sales Tax Fund revenues came in about 3% below the target. This figure includes the \$500,000 School Resource Officer (SRO) payment from Norman Public Schools (NPS). The expected payment from Norman Public Schools was \$700,000; however, Norman Public Schools stated that \$500,000 is all they can pay. This amount was accepted by Norman City Manager, Darrel Pyle. The Mayor is expected to negotiate with Norman Public Schools regarding their SRO payment for FY25. The projected cost for the SRO program in FY25 is approximately \$2.2 million. The City has budgeted for a NPS reimbursement/payment of \$732,000. "If they pay any less than that, the General Fund is going to have to make up the deficit, just like in 2024," Huckabaa said.

Huckabaa reviewed the monthly expenses. From a total, fiscal year perspective, all cost centers were under budget with the exception of the Fire Department's operational cost center. This cost center was approximately 10% over budget and included items such as salaries, benefits, and overtime.

Items submitted for the record:

Financial Reports

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. MONTHLY UPDATES

a) FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Assistant Chief Chad Roney gave the update. The aerial ladder that was ordered is still under construction and should be completed in approximately three years. The construction of Fire Engine Three is scheduled to begin in January 2025. Roney hopes to have this engine in service by the end on 2025. The Fire Department is still anticipating the relocation of Fire Station Five.

They are also anticipating the replacement of bunker gear in FY25. Emergency life support equipment has not been placed back on the fire apparatuses at stations five or six.

b) POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Brent Barbour gave the report. The Police Department has 21 commissioned positions vacant. Seven cadets are in the current Police Academy. Their graduation is slated for July 25, 2024. The next Police Academy will start in August 2024 with six cadets. The Police Department is currently taking applications for a lateral academy that will conclude around January 2025. There are approximately 20 applications submitted, so far, for the lateral academy.

Barbour states that the department has responded to some really intense calls lately, but their summer outreach programs are going very well.

c) DISPATCH UPDATES

Russell Anderson gave the report. He stated that the Dispatch Department could soon, be fully staffed and relayed the new hire training schedule to the Committee.

Dispatch experienced their first large scale event with the University of Oklahoma's (OU) launch into the Southeastern Conference (SEC) celebration. "It was our first event with the shared CAD (Computer-aided Design) and it was spectacular," Anderson said. Previous to the City of Norman sharing a CAD with OU, response times were longer.

d) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS CENTER (ECOC) UPDATES

Major Brent Barbour gave the update. He updated the Committee on the construction progress at the Emergency Communications Operations Center (ECOC). The equipment storage facility should be completed in late October 2024. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the ECOC is August 27 at 9:00 AM.

ACTION ITEMS

3. ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2024 MEETING

The topics for the next meeting will remain the same.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Anthony Francisco, Director of Finance commented on the Norman Public School payment of \$500,000 for the SRO Program for FY24. This payment was approximately \$200,000 short of what NPS was budgeted and negotiated to pay. In a recent meeting that Francisco had with the City and NPS, no conclusions were reached regarding the amount of money that NPS would pay toward the program in FY25. "They (NPS) believe that they should pay something short of \$500,000 and we believe that they should pay somewhere around \$700,000," Francisco said. "The ordinance just says 'cost share'. It was actually out of this Committee that the 50-50 split was originally proposed and agreed upon by the Council and by the school district. So then it became 50% of what? Basically it's 50% of the total cost, excluding cars, for time and memorial; but, they believe that they should not pay for 12 months of SRO costs. They believe they should

pay for eight months of SRO costs like they do for a school teacher - and that's the basis for their claim."

Major Brent Barbour gave several examples of how SRO's interact with NPS students all summer long. This included officer duties during summer school as well as providing safety & security training for NPS staff.

Member Greenleaf stated, "I was on this committee when the negotiations were going through. We spent ten months waiting on the lawyers to hash all this out and you're telling me, in ten months they couldn't come to an agreement on exactly who pays what?! I'm at a place now where I think the press should know what's going on because this is atrocious!"

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda Price, Chair
Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee