



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Emergency Communications Operations Center, Room EOC, 2801 E.
Robinson, Norman, OK 73071
Thursday, October 10, 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 10th day of October, 2024, at 4:00 PM, and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, the 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 Kyle Hurley
Committee member Mark Emerson
Committee member Russell Rice
Committee member Ann Gallagher
Committee member Gregory Gilkey

ABSENT

Committee member Lea Greenleaf
Committee member Ashlie Durham

OTHERS

Major Brent Barbour, NPD
Captain Shawn Hawkins, NPD
Asst. Chief Chad Roney, NFD
David Grizzle, NFD
Russell Anderson, Comm. Systems Manager
Dannielle Risenhoover, Administrative Tech. IV
Jacob Huckabaa, Budget Technician
Bill Scanlon, Citizen

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

MINUTES

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

Member Gallagher moved to approve the September 12, 2024 Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes which were duly seconded by Member Gilkey. The motion passed unanimously.

Items submitted for the record:

Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Minutes from September 12, 2024.

REPORTS

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

Jacob Huckabaa gave the report. He stated that Sales Tax is approximately 10% below the budgeted target for the year, but that Use Tax looks good; however, Use Tax is not filling the gap that Sales Tax is leaving. The first quarter, Norman Public Schools (NPS) reimbursement check for the City of Norman provided School Resource Officers (SRO) is expected soon.

Huckabaa highlighted the notable expenses paid for out of the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund. These expenses were for capital equipment charges for outfitting patrol and SRO vehicles.

Items submitted for the record:

Financial Reports

ACTION ITEMS

3. MONTHLY UPDATES

a) FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Assistant Chief Chad Roney gave the report. Roney reported that there wasn't any new information regarding the build out of the fire apparatus. He did state that paramedic protocols are back in place at fire stations five and six. Station five is staffed with two paramedics and station six is staffed with one paramedic.

The final draft of the Matrix Public Safety Report has been received and reviewed. Additional information was provided to Matrix to complete their assessments. Matrix is expected to have their final report available within two months.

b) POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Captain Hawkins gave the report. The Norman Police Department (NPD) has been authorized 184 commissioned positions. One hundred seventy-three of these positions are currently filled, leaving 11 commissioned positions open. The filled positions include six cadets that are in the 67th NPD Academy and five cadets in the 68th NPD "Lateral" Academy. The 69th NPD Academy will start in April 2025. Hawkins hopes to have a "pretty full (69th) academy" that will fill the 11 vacant positions.

Since the Committee last met, NPD has been involved in the following community events: United Way Day of Caring, United Way Fundraiser: "Dunk-a-Cop", National Night Out, and a Salvation Army Community Cook Out. Norman Police Department will participate in "Bait and Badges" at the JD McCarty Center on October 18, 2024.

c) DISPATCH UPDATES

Russell Anderson gave the report. Anderson states that there are four dispatchers in training; however, the Dispatch Department is fully staffed. Dispatching calls during game days has been “fabulous,” according to Anderson. “OU (University of Oklahoma) actually has a footprint in this building. They have their own phones and their own computers talking back to their network. It’s phenomenal the way the two I.T. (Information Technology) Departments made all that happen. The partnership’s just growing.”

d) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS CENTER (ECOC) UPDATES

Punch list items at the newly constructed Emergency Communications Operations Center building should be completed by October 18, 2024. The completion date for the Vehicle Storage Facility is February 2025; however, the contractors believe that it will be finished in December 2024.

The State of Oklahoma organized an Incident Command Team in response to the recent hurricane in Florida. A Norman Police Department Lieutenant helps comprise this team that will initially be stationed south of Orlando.

3. ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR THE NOVEMBER 14, 2024 MEETING

The meeting topics will remain the same for the November 14, 2024 meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Chair Price asked if the Cleveland County Sheriff’s Department should be expected to respond to 911 calls within City limits. Major Barbour replied, “They have a lot of County property within the City that is their primary jurisdiction so we are seeing an increase in some mutual aid requests. That partnership’s occurred for many, many years. They have a really large jurisdiction. If they’re down south in Lexington and something bad happens at the fairgrounds, or at Griffin, or at OYC, then they call us regularly. We have seen that increase, but from an operational standpoint it’s not an overwhelming thing by any means.”

Chair Price showed concern for the Sheriff’s Department not requesting mutual aid and 911 calls not being responded to. Barbour said, “They have to legally respond to their primary jurisdiction. I don’t think you’ll see a change in that, what I think you’ll see is them calling us (NPD) more often.”

Chair Price requested an update on whether the Sheriff’s Department is willing to request more mutual aid from NPD in an effort to help secure more timely, law enforcement responses within the City. Major Barbour will look into this.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was duly seconded by Member Emerson. The motion passed unanimously. After the meeting Major Barbour and Russell Anderson gave the Committee a guided tour of the Emergency Communications Operations Center.

Linda Price, Chair
Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee