



KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

June 15, 2016

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber Room of Town Hall.

PRESENT: Councilor Randy Young, Councilor Mark Swan

ABSENT: No one.

Staff Members Present: Police Chief, Lawrence Capps; Fire Chief, Tim Guffey

Meeting called to order by Councilor Swan at 6:03pm.

ITEM I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

...Motion by Councilor Young to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2016 meeting, 2016. Motion seconded by Councilor Swan and carried unanimously.

ITEM II. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

ITEM III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Police Department Report

1. Feedback on FY2017 Budget Process

Chief Capps provided an overview of his involvement with budget preparation as an Operations Manager. Capps explained that the process was much more comprehensive than in recent years, with an emphasis placed on overall Town priorities rather than competing departments. The process also created an opportunity to better understand the needs of each department. Chief Capps elaborated that the new budget worksheets proved to be very helpful in planning the budget and outlining justifications.

Councilor Swan stated that he would like to see a preliminary fire/police budget presentation to the PSC in future years. Doing so would ensure that the committee is aware of the public safety needs and positioned to support them.

2. Review of Findings from Citizens Survey

Chief Capps reviewed the results of a recent citizen satisfaction survey. The survey revealed that 94% of respondents were "satisfied" with the services provided by the Police Department, while 95% felt that Knightdale was a safe place to live. The survey revealed that 74% of the respondents were tenured

residents (more than 5 years) and 95% of all respondents were residents. Over 60% of the respondents had direct contact with an officer within the last year, with the vast majority of those contacts (49%) coming in the form of community outreach.

Speed and traffic related issues topped the list of things that citizens want to see the police work to improve, and police visibility was touted as one of the department's overall strengths. Chief Capps plans to present the findings to the Community Policing Advisory Board in July and provide a formal response to the community on these findings.

3. Neighborhood Speed Reduction Award

Chief Capps informed the committee that he would be presenting an award before Council on 6/15 to the Carrington Woods community. This community saw the greatest reduction of vehicle speeds within their neighborhood during a recent research project and speed study conducted by Duke University.

B. Fire Department Report

1. Fall Fire Prevention Activities

Chief Guffey noted that October will kick off National Fire Prevention Month. This year the Fire Department has planned two large events in conjunction with their usual visits to area schools, businesses, and daycare. One of the events will be a Public Safety Open House to be held on October 8th. The event will boast special exhibits, demonstrations, and life safety education activities.

2. Citizens Fire Academy

As part of National Fire Prevention Month, Chief Guffey announced that the Fire Department will host a Citizens Fire Academy on Monday nights during the month of October. The academy's purpose is to educate the public on the duties and role of firefighters. The academy will also create an opportunity for department members and the community to strengthen relations.

ITEM IV. ADJOURNMENT

...Motion was made by Councilor Young to adjourn at 6:46pm. Motion seconded by Councilor Swan and carried unanimously.



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Councilor Mark Swan, Public Safety Committee Chairman.



Clerk for Public Safety Committee