



# KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

**November 3, 2008**

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:00 p.m. at the Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC.

Present: Councilors Jeff Eddins and James Roberson

Staff Members Present: Seth Lawless, Assistant Town Manager; David Simmons, Interim Police Chief; Keith Gifford, Engineering Supervisor;

Approval of Minutes for October by Councilor Eddins and Councilor Roberson

Discussion of Police Division Staffing

Councilor Eddins stated that he understood that the police department was in need of hiring another public safety officer to replace Soto's position on patrol, but at this time the Town had put in place a hiring freeze. Eddins suggested they revisit the issue in January.

Interim Police Chief David Simmons requested that Mat Boryla's PSO Detective position be upgraded from a pay scale 16 to a pay scale 17, since his position is now permanent.

Assistant Town Manager Seth Lawless said that at the last Town Council Meeting the motion that was made was a misunderstanding and the upgrade makes sense.

Eddins agreed and said the salary increase would be retroactive back to the date that the position was upgraded.

Discussion of Emerald Point Traffic Study

Engineering Supervisor Keith Gifford stated that there were two studies completed, one on Aqua Marine and one on Zircon. The study on Aqua Marine resulted in higher speeds and would qualify under the Town's Traffic Calming Policy.

Assistant Town Manager Seth Lawless advised Emerald Point's HOA President that the next step would be for the Home Owners Association to gather a petition with eighty percent of the resident's signatures. As for Star Ruby, that street also qualifies under the Traffic Calming Policy and the HOA already has a petition with eighty percent of the resident's signatures.

Councilor Eddins stated he would discuss the issue with the Town Council Board immediately after the Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Emerald Point HOA President asked about the guard rails that were discussed at the previous meeting for Star Ruby and Zircon.

Engineering Supervisor Keith Gifford stated that he had attempted to contact Jerry Gower on several occasions. He said that the guard rails needed to be installed for safety reason and would complete a work order for Public Works to install them.

Councilor Eddins agreed that the guard rails needed to be installed as soon as possible.

Discussion of Robertson Street and First Avenue Site Distance.

Engineering Supervisor Keith Gifford stated there was a definite problem with the site distance at the corner of Robertson St and First Ave. He produced pictures showing the difficulty one would have trying to see past an SUV that was parked at the corner parking space. He said one option was to do away with the parking there and the second option would be to limit the parking to compact cars only.

Councilor Eddins stated that parking in the downtown area is already limited and doing away with the parking spaces would be a last resort. He suggested limiting the first three parking spaces on First Ave by Robertson St. to compact cars only. Eddins stated he would motion the board tonight.

Discussion of Community Watch

Assistant Town Manager Seth Lawless suggested having a community wide Community Watch meeting, inviting all of Knightdale's neighborhoods. This would provide an opportunity for the neighborhoods to exchange ideas on how to improve on their community watch.

Councilor Eddins suggested that the first meeting include all of the HOA Presidents in Knightdale's neighborhoods and after that set up meetings with all the HOA members for the spring and fall at a separate location that would be able to accommodate a larger group of people.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m..

  
Assistant Manager or Admin. Asst.

  
Committee Chairman