

Police Committee

13 November 2019

1915 Hrs:

Meeting called to order of the police committee at 1915 hrs with the following members in attendance: Ms. Mann, Ms. Trovei, Mayor Decker, Ms. Randazzo, Mr. Foster, Chief Worden.

Meeting Location: Mayor's Conference Room.

Discussion Items:

Serial Bond Discussion- Major Project Planning- Priorities

-Committee discussed developing a financial plan for the serial bond to address future projects to include Police Department expansion and major equipment acquisition.

The committee further discussed potential costs for retaining an architect to design the police department facility expansion.

Review of October Police Report- Part I crimes are trending at a 12% reduction from last year's low record level. Part II Crimes have decreased 4.4% from same time last year.

Training Report

The department continues to prioritize training activities for officers to include:

- Street Cop Training 8 and 16-hour training.
- General Topics instructor- PO Richard Santini 80 hours
- Criminal Justice Reform- District Attorney's Office Legal update and internal departmental training.
- Firearms Training
- Firearms Instructor Patrol Rifle Course 32 hours

Contract – GTSC PTS Grant

The Committee discussed a GTSC contract to accept funding to participate in the 2019-2020 Governor's Traffic Safety Program. Contract currently being reviewed by Corporation Council for Council approval.

Firearms Simulator Update- All municipalities have signed an inter-municipal agreement to purchase a shared firearms training simulator. The simulator will be ordered on Monday the 19th of November.

Sick and Personal Time Policy Review- The Chief of Police is developing an updated sick time usage policy that will be promulgated in early 2020 to update the current policy that has been in use since the early 1970's.

Speed Studies

- Orange Street
- West Main Street

Speed studies will be conducted throughout the city over the winter months to study the current speed conditions. Traffic enforcement is being coordinated to provide a presence during the times and locations where speed analysis demonstrates a condition.

Camera Recording- Discussion Regarding Discovery and Storage and Dissemination of Video- The department is experiencing difficulty with downloading and storing the increased volume of camera footage required under the recently enacted criminal justice reforms pertaining to discovery.

The department is using civilian dispatchers to provide assistance with reviewing and downloading footage and have determined that current civilian staffing is inadequate to accomplish this vital task.

Many agencies across the state are reviewing their camera recording infrastructure to determine needs of recording and the technological and staffing ability to record and transmit the recordings.

City Crossing Guards are currently performing additional hours on East Main Street to facilitate safe crossings for Middle School Students due to road and sidewalk construction.

Project City Cat- Budget Line for 2020, Allocation of resources for final spay/neuter 2019- The Chief will review the current Animal Control Budget and forward a request to finance for appropriating funds to complete a December TNR program.

The department and DPW are working with citizens and business owners to continue increased pedestrian safety awareness for safe crossings. New portable

signs have been installed on Pike and Front Streets to increase visibility of crosswalks.

Injury Report: One Police Officer suffered a shoulder injury during a medical aided call for service and is currently off duty pending recovery until further notice.

Vehicle Replacement Plan- 2020: The committee reviewed vehicle replacements for the police department. The department prioritized replacing four primary patrol vehicles and resuming the lease for the current DPW Tahoe to be re-deployed as a police vehicle replacing the current 2010 police Tahoe. The 2010 Tahoe will be re-deployed to animal control to replace the current 2004 ACO vehicle which will be auctioned as surplus.

Marine Corp Toy Drive Box – The Department is participating in the annual Toys for Tots Campaign. Donations of unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the station.

Sussex Street Cross Walk Investigation: The Chief reported that he has reviewed a crosswalk request to be installed at the top of Sussex Street Hill near the Masonic Building. Due to the hill and limited sight visibility, a crosswalk would not be safe as requested for this location. However, the Chief has requested that the street light located at this location be updated with a LED bulb to increase the lighting during evening hours thereby increasing visibility for pedestrians and motorists.

Stop Signs:

Stop sign reviews will continue at select intersections and will require additional funding in the 2020 budget to facilitate the purchase and installation of planned four way intersections. A four way stop intersection has been requested by Mr. Siegel for Seward Avenue and Franklin Street and Seward Avenue and Front Street. Stop signs have been requested for Maiden Lan and Orange Street. Stop intersections for Erie Street are still under review.

Limit Parking- Pike Street- Hunt Building- the Chief received a request from the Ahearn Agency to update the parking signs from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. Currently under review.

Public Comment: No comments received.

Meeting Adjourned at 2044 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police