

POLICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
8:00 am.

PRESENT: Savino Sanchez, City Councilor  
Caleb Grant, City Councilor  
Elena Velasquez, City Councilor  
Brad McFadin, Deputy Chief of Police  
Todd Wildermuth, Public Information Officer  
Larry Connolly, Citizen  
Randal Seyler, RDR

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Sanchez called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Councilor Grant made a motion to approve the November minutes as well as the January Agenda. Councilor Velasquez seconded the motion and all were in favor; the motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Deputy Chief McFadin started by saying we are currently 13 officers down. Just recently had a retirement, but just had four (4) that started with the department and are in the first phase. Still have several possible applicants from Michigan. Just had two (2) graduate the academy and are now in the FTO (Field Training Officer) process. DC McFadin then went over the statistics for the department as well as the crime rates for a four-year period. A plan for the future that is currently in the works is setting up the command post in different areas/neighborhoods. Would also like to possibly start getting more involved with the different sports as the seasons start up. Still working on ideas of getting involved with the community. Currently the Police Explorers Program is going very well.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER UPDATE:

DC McFadin introduced the new Public Information Officer, Todd Wildermuth. Mr. Wildermuth stated he was glad to attend the meeting and plans on attending future meetings as well. He stated he is currently working on maintaining and developing good communication skills with the department and the community. Working on establishing safe environments. He stated there are several ways we distribute information through radio, TV, media, Facebook, and RPD Website. These connections are good for notifying people of tips/advice to the public to make them aware of kid safety, trick or treat, Halloween, tips, summer safety, etc. Both Positive and negative information is distributed. Councilor Grant asked if information was being received from the public? Is the department promoting feedback from the community? Is there a way for the community to give information anonymously? Mr. Wildermuth stated that at the moment, the public is able to contact the department or send messages at the RPD Website through e-mail. Crime stoppers is also available for those that would like to remain anonymous. DC McFadin stated that there are possible plans of setting up an IT network so that remaining anonymous, as well as other options might be available. Currently is a situation occurs, the Chief of Police is notified who then notifies the City Manager. If the Chief is not available, the Deputy Chief will make the notification to those applicable. When a situation occurs, depending on the circumstances, it is not pertinent that it be announced to everyone at that time.

MASTER TRACK PLAN UPDATE:

DC McFadin stated that the Master Track Plan has been approved and is going forward. It was previously approved through the City Council. The City Manager is on board and we have had several officers already planning for it by getting their medicals, etc.

#### OFFICERS AVAILABILITY TO WORK WITH DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS:

DC McFadin stated a response for this situation was needed by the City Attorney, Mr. Zarr. DC McFadin did state the department is ready to move on this when Mr. Zarr is. This will be presented at next meetings as Mr. Zarr was unable to attend the meeting.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD STICKERS FOR ROSWELL HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE:

DC McFadin stated a response for this situation was again needed by the City Attorney, Mr. Zarr. This will be presented at next meeting as Mr. Zarr was unable to attend the meeting.

#### OTHER BUSINESS: RECRUITING FOR 2015:

DC McFadin stated that the Michigan recruiting trip in 2014 was not as productive as the first trip. We had several possible applicants who changed their mind or that were dropped from the process. We have some ideas in the future to recruit using social media/video (YouTube) possibly. Possibly some billboards in the city. We are hoping to reach out to more locals and have them apply with the department.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 am by Councilor Sanchez.