

Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee
Held in the Conference Room at City Hall
October 24, 2016

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution 16-69.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened at 3:06 p.m. with Chair Sandoval presiding; Councilor Sanchez present; Councilor Mackey participating by telephone and Councilor Foster being absent.

Staff present: Mike Mathews, Devin Graham, Thomas Moody, Rod Hogan, Elizabeth Stark-Rankins, Michael Stanton, Richard Lucero, Juanita Jennings, Steve Halvorson and Phil Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and MINUTES

Councilor Sanchez moved to approve the October 24, 2016 regular Public Safety Committee meeting agenda as presented and the minutes from the June 27, 2016 Public Safety Committee meeting. Councilor Mackey was the second. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed with Councilor Mackey participating by telephone and Councilor Foster being absent.

REGULAR ITEMS

None

NON ACTION ITEMS

Chief's Overtime: Mr. Mathews introduced the Chief's Overtime Program. Chief Smith explained the process and events that the program covers. After further discussion between staff and committee members, staff proposed a special events form be created in order to differentiate Lodgers' Tax events and special events where Chief's Overtime can be used.

FOR THE RECORD: Councilor Foster joined the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Fines and Fee's: Mr. Mathews discussed Roswell Police Department fines and fees. The purpose of the discussion was to increase the charges on violations that seemed necessary.

FOR THE RECORD: Councilor Mackey left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Recruitment: Commander Stanton gave a presentation on the recruitment process for the Roswell Police Department (RPD). Currently the department is 15 officers short. The Roswell Police Department participates in City job fairs, set up booths in various events, have meetings with faith leaders and post job openings on 83 web pages. The PSA program has been the biggest success in generating a consistent stream of officers. Five officers have been hired in the last 18 months out of the PSA program. Other options that the RPD is exploring are the following:

- Large scale social media campaign
- Large banner on RPD building
- Billboards
- Signs on City busses
- Radio advertising
- West Texas recruitment trip

Neighborhood Watch Presentation: Mr. Lucero gave a presentation on Neighborhood Watch and all the projects they have been working on. Mr. Lucero's primary responsibility is the alarms administration. He created the alarm ordinance in order to reduce the number of false alarms. The program has received \$268,000 in revenue since 2007. There are currently 95 groups, although not all are consistently active. Other activities that Mr. Lucero and Mr. Halvorson participate include:

- Chaves County Crime stoppers
- Children's finger printing
- Behavioral health's
- Safety classes
- Prescription drug take back

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.