

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Held at Roswell City Hall Large Conference Room, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 16, 2023

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 and Resolution 23-01.

The meeting convened at 4:30 p.m. with Councilor Julianna Halvorson presiding; Councilor Jeanine Best; Councilor Savino Sanchez being present; and Councilor Barry Foster being absent.

Staff Present: Mike Mathews, Deputy City Manager; Matt Miller, Chief RFD; Mike Taylor, Interim Chief RPD; Toby Franco, Code Enforcement; Teri Best, PVRCC; Karen Sanders, Emergency Management; Jim Burris, Special Services, Albert Aldona, Deputy Police Chief, Chad Cole, City Manager.

Citizens present: Terri Harber RDR; James Licon

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Councilor Best moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote was as follows: Councilor Halvorson- yes, Councilor Best – yes, Councilor Sanchez – yes, the motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Foster being absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Councilor Best moved to approve the minutes as presented, from the April 25, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote was as follows: Councilor Halvorson – yes, Councilor Best – yes, Councilor Sanchez – yes, the motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Foster being absent.

REGULAR ITEMS

3. Condemnation Resolution 23-XX: Councilor Best moved to send Resolution 23-XX, to the full council on the consent agenda with a recommendation to approve. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote was as follows: Councilor Halvorson - yes, Councilor Best – yes, Councilor Sanchez – yes, the motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Foster being absent.

4. Consider approval to purchase 12 additional body cameras, 34 additional user licenses, 33 additional Taser 7 devices and consolidate the two contracts with the additional items for one complete contract. Lt. Fry presented the information to the committee on this purchase and contracts have been review by the legal department. Purchase will be made from a law enforcement grant. Councilor Best moved to send this purchase to full council. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote was as follows: Councilor Halvorson – yes, Councilor Best – yes, Councilor Sanchez – yes, the motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Foster being absent.

NON-ACTION ITEM

5. Discussion on operations and staffing at the Fire Marshals office. Fire Marshal Olive gave an overview of the operation of his department and discussed the establishment of opening an office in the code enforcement building. This will allow him to have a location that is staffed at all times to receive permits and plans. Future desire would be able to hire a receptionist who would be a point of contact for contractors and developers to schedule inspections and meetings for his office and fire inspectors. Currently him and his staff spend most of the day in the field on investigations and inspections and keep no regular office hours.

CHAIR/ANNOUNCEMENTS/MONTHLY REPORTS

6. Monthly Reports for Police, Fire, Consolidated Dispatch, Emergency Management and Animal Control departments are located in the Public Safety Committee agenda packet. Each department gave a brief update on department.

7. Next meeting: June13, 2023

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. James Licon spoke to the committee with concerns of a dilapidated structure on east 23rd St. Mr. Franco did state the Code Enforcement has been in contact with the owners of this property to secure it and pull permits to bring up to code. Mr. Franco will continue to work with owner on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.