



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**January 19, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.  
BUILDING AND CODES**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

A meeting of the City of Clarksville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairperson Travis Holleman and seconded by Councilperson Vondell Richmond on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 4:06 pm.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**It was noted by Councilperson Holleman that there was a quorum.**

Councilperson Travis Holleman, Chairperson; Councilperson Vondell Richmond; Councilperson Karen Reynolds

Others Present: Building & Codes Director David Smith, Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Steve Batten, Fire & Rescue Assistant Chief Jobe Moore, Chief of Police David Crockarell, City Attorney Lance Baker, Angela Downey

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

The committee approved the minutes from the November 17, 2021, Public Safety Committee Meeting and acknowledged the missed December 15, 2021 meeting. This was after Councilperson Reynolds made a motion to approve and was seconded by Councilperson Vondell Richmond.

## **BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT:**

David Smith spoke on behalf of Building and Codes.

- He reviewed the previously submitted monthly report.
- He stated that construction slows down slightly in the winter before it picks back up in the springtime. Also, the Abatement Team gets tasked with building maintenance when they slow down.
- Mr. Smith opened the floor for any questions.
- Councilperson Holeman asked Mr. Smith how many vacancies his department has right now.
- Mr. Smith stated they have one vacancy, and that position is posted.

## **FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT:**

Deputy Chief Batten spoke on behalf of the Fire & Rescue Department

- He reviewed the previously submitted monthly report.
- He noted that they ended the year with over 15,000 calls; 72% are overlapping calls.
- Councilperson Reynolds asked whether you are considering centralizing one of the fire stations to help cover.
- He stated the plan is to buy land in District 2 to build a bigger station.
- He noted that the Burn Building is now complete, and the first test with the recruits will be at the end of February.
- Councilperson Holleman asked how many vacancies you have right now.
- He stated they will still have three vacancies after the recruits come on shift.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Crockarell gave an overview of the department.

- He reviewed the previously submitted monthly report.
- He stated we are constantly hiring and down 19 sworn officers.
- Councilperson Holleman asked if a recruit quits halfway through training, is there any cost reimbursement.
- Chief Crockarell stated it's a legal dilemma. City Attorney Lance Baker explained the State Law and Charter says that we cannot have contracts of employment with our employees.
- Chief Crockarell noted that the department needs 80 more cops; right now, we are at 1.9 per 1000, and we've improved our hiring plan to get to 2.2 per 1000 by 2026, which is the national average.
- Councilperson Reynolds asked the Chief to see a map of all the crashes. Chief Crockarell said he would send her one; also, she could access that map on our city website.
- Councilperson Richmond thanked Chief Crockarell and Deputy Chief Batten for handling the latest weather issues, getting out there, and helping the citizens. He asked Chief Crockarell what area of town sees the most accidents. Chief Crockarell said Wilma Rudolph Blvd has the most accidents, most of which are rear-ended crashes.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED:**

**1. ORDINANCE 79-2020-21:** Adoption of 2018 International Fire Code (Chief Montgomery)

- Assistant Chief Jobe Moore noted that TN Code Annotate requires them to adopt and stay within seven years of the latest edition.
- Assistant Chief Moore stated that they had already adopted the Building Code.
- City Attorney Lance Baker explained the state law, and our charter allows us to adopt other codes by reference.
- City Attorney Baker noted that the 2018 Fire Code, a provision pertaining to an Appeal Board, had been included.
- Motion to approve: Councilperson Richmond
- Seconded by: Councilperson Reynolds and approved by all.

## **CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:**

NONE

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Holleman, seconded by Councilperson Reynolds, and approved by all at 4:48 pm.

Submitted by:  
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APPROVED: MARCH 16, 2022