Public Safety & Community Health Committee

Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2021

Call to Order: 1:16 PM

Attendance:

PSCHC Members Present: CM Kinnear; CP Beggs; CM Mumm; CM Stratton (arrived at 1:18pm); CM Burke; CM Cathcart; and CM Wilkerson.

Staff/Others Present: City Administrator Johnnie Perkins, Mike Ormsby, Assistant Chief Justin Lundgren, Eric Olsen, David Singley, Michael McNab, Nate Spiering, Rick Giddings, Jacqui MacConnell, Chief Brian Schaeffer, Howard Delaney, Brian McClatchey, Giacobbe Byrd, and Hannahlee Allers.

Approval of October 4, 2021 minutes: Motion to approve by CM Beggs; M/S by CM Mumm. The committee approved the minutes from the October 4, 2021 PSCHC meeting unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Monthly Reports:
1. OPO Monthly Update – September 2021
2. Photo Red Update (SPD)
3. November Strategic Initiatives Report (SPD)

Consent Agenda Portion:
1. SBO for FY21-22 Mental Health Team Grant Award (SPD)
2. SBO for Hostage Negotiations Team Protective Equipment (SPD)
3. Contract Renewal for Heavy Equipment Body Repair Services (SFD)
4. Industrial Pretreatment Program Multijurisdictional Agreement (MJA) with Spokane County (Public Works)
5. Public Rule – Industrial Pretreatment Program Fees (Public Works)
6. Contract Renewal for Tire Services (Fleet Services)
7. SBO for Personnel Funds Budget Transfer (Legal)

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Strategic Priority: Integrated 911/Dispatch
NONE

Strategic Priority: Integrated Response
NONE

Strategic Priority: Criminal Justice Reform

- Sgt. Spiering K-9 Update

Sgt. Spiering updated Council on K-9 deployments since August 2021. He provided narrative explanations for deployments and contacts. CM Kinnear asked if deployments are up. Sgt. Spiering said that while the deployment number is higher, the contact ratio is lower.

Strategic Priority: City-Wide Clean & Safe
NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Staff Requests:

Tesla Pilot Program Presentation – Major McNab & Rick Giddings (15 minutes)
Rick Giddings from the Fleet Department gave a presentation on the Tesla Pilot Program. Mr. Giddings gave some background on the purchase of the two Tesla Model Ys that are currently in the process of being commissioned for SPD use. The presentation compared the total cost of ownership, cost per mile, total employee evaluation scores, and an overall vehicle comparison. Mr. Giddings talked about unknown factors regarding Tesla operation costs, including cost of commissioning, charging time and location, etc. Mr. Giddings talked about some of the initial perceived downsides to the Tesla Model Ys but emphasized that some of the comparisons between the Tesla Model Ys and the vehicles SPD currently uses are speculative, since the Tesla vehicles are not yet fully deployed within SPD. CM Mumm asked if any of the Model Ys are anticipated to be take home vehicles and if so there will need to be changing infrastructure installed at officers' homes. Assistant Chief Lundgren said that right now SPD is hoping to use these as hot seat vehicles that wouldn't be taken home. CM Mumm asked if it's possible that these vehicles are used for other purposes than patrol. Chief Lundgren said that that's a possibility to use different vehicles for different purposes. CM Mumm highlighted the national safety rating of Tesla vehicles. Mr. Giddings confirmed that the Tesla vehicles are rated highly for safety but there might be some perceived safety issues beyond protection in a collision. Chief Meidl said that he has heard issues with the internal dynamics of the vehicle. CM Cathcart asked if a different brand of electric vehicle would work better for SPD. Mr. Giddings said the Mustang Mach E is the only other viable option on the market right now. He said that they are hoping that an option, like the Ford K-8, that is fully electric and ready made for police use will come online soon.

SPD 2022 Ammunition Order (Practice and Duty Ammunition) – Jacqui MacConnell (5 minutes)
Jacqui MacConnell briefed Council on a 175,000 request for ammunition purchase for 2022 ammunition – both training and duty ammunition. CM Wilkerson asked what the breakdown of training vs. frontline ammunition is. Ms. MacConnell said the majority will be for practice ammunition. CM Kinnear asked if it's possible to use blanks for practice. Ms. MacConnell said no, it is very important that officers can practice and that there is evaluation of officers shooting rounds on a target.

SBO – Interlocal Joint Use Agreement with Spokane Count – Howard Delaney (5 minutes)
Howard Delaney briefed Council on the delayed invoicing cycle from Spokane County and the manner in which the City uses those invoices to project the Court's and Community Justice Service's annual budget for space in County facilities. He said that each year the Court and Probation must identify funds in their respective budgets to fill the deficiency in funds budgeted for joint use rent expenses. This SBO is to

adjust for an unbudgeted deficit in funds available to pay invoices from the Spokane County for 2020 joint use space in the Public Safety Building and Courthouse Annex.

Council Requests:

Fire Station Study SBO Discussion – CM Mumm (15 minutes)
CM Mumm said she had a great on-site meeting recently with City staff and neighbors regarding a potential interlocal agreement with Fire District 9 to provide shared services on top of 5 mile that would have quicker response all down 5 mile. She said this model has been implemented in other places in Washington and Oregon. CM Mumm said that there may need to be an SBO to fund this initiative. City Administrator Johnnie Perkins said that there will be more to come on this topic in the not-too-distant future. CM Cathcart said it might be worth looking at this issue more holistically. CM Mumm said that this is a little different model and that this could be co-staffing and cost-sharing between two different fire districts. CM Mumm also emphasized that this is the worst point of fire response in the City. CM Wilkerson asked how this partnership connects with the upcoming SFD overtime study. CM Mumm said that this is more of a separate, operational issue. CM Stratton asked CM Mumm to share some of the response times with Council. CM Mumm said that she would and that some of the response times were well over 10 minutes.

State Legislative Update:
NONE

ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS:
NONE

Action Items: NONE

Executive Session: NONE

Adjournment: CM Kinnear adjourned the meeting at 1:51 PM. The next PSCHC meeting will be held Monday, December 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by:
Giacobbe Byrd, Legislative Aide to Council Member Lori Kinnear (PSCHC Chair)

Lori Kinnear Spokane City Council – District 2