

STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Public Safety and Community Health
February 7, 2022

Call to Order: 1:16 p.m.

Recording of the meeting may be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/674634910>

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Councilmember Cathcart (Chair), Council President Beggs (Vice Chair), CM Stratton, CM Kinnear (left at 2:58PM), CM Wilkerson, CM Bingle, CM Zappone

Staff/Others Present: Giacobbe Byrd, Chief Schaeffer, Tonya Wallace, Johnnie Perkins, Michael McNabb, Jacqui MacConnel, Eric Olsen, Justin Lundgren, Dave Singley, Paul Ingiosi, Erik Poulsen, Mike Ormsby,

Approval of Minutes

- Action taken
CM Wilkerson moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022, meeting; the motion was seconded by CM Stratton. The minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

Agenda Items

Board and Commission Appointment Candidates

1. Michael Bethely
 - Action taken
Introduction and discussion only, appointment will be furthered to upcoming Council meeting.
2. Ryan Patterson
 - Action taken
Introduction and discussion only, appointment will be furthered to upcoming Council meeting.

Discussion items

3. Fire Department Update
 - Chief Schaeffer briefed the Committee on SPD's upcoming rating by WSRB. Increases to the fire safety category. Relating to 6 recent incidents, SFD has saved 8 individuals. 6 people were lost to fire in the Spokane community last year.

- Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
4. 2021 Recruiting and Hiring Update
- 18 new officers, 10 going through BLEA and 11 officers just graduated in Dec. and going through Field Training. Via Public Safety Testing Process, goal is to increase number of people testing to move on in the hiring process. Civil Service sees applicant information first. 2019 vs. 2021 – shows increase in application and testing numbers. Diversity of applicants increased, as well. Retention statistics are showing that 85% stay on SPD force. Recruiting efforts are done locally and also by sending recruiters to testing sites. Grant was awarded for \$60k by CJTC that will be used for six out of state recruiting trips by three recruiters – Portland, Chicago, Pheonix, Atlanta, LA and San Francisco. 250k was approved for hiring bonuses and SPD is considering goals of \$5000 to entry level and \$15000 to lateral officers. Bonus would be achieved by reaching milestones. Two BLEAs every year – 10 individuals in current academy and likely 10 in next one. Approximately 1/10 test takers are hired.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
5. EMS Levy Renewal Ordinance and Resolution
- City has 5 different levies. This is a levy for EMS which renews every 6 years and began in 1993. Requires a majority vote and not a super-majority. Rate is usually renewed at \$0.50. SFD runs at approximately 46 million annually and this will total about 13.1 million. Requesting suspension on the rules to put on advance agenda. Election Day is April 26.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
6. Police Vehicle Purchasing for 2022
- SPD is in deperate need of replacement cars and this information is based on a tailored 10 year replacement schedule. The life span of a police vehicle is considered 5 years/100k miles. Acquisition timeframe for vehicles is currently one year. SPD Teslas were deployed January 10 and Major McNabb shared a cost breakdown and issues officers are experiencing with the Tesla fleet. Major McNabb described how 57 percent of the SPD fleet is in need of replacement.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
7. Downtown Precinct Update
- Captain Singley shared an update on the DT precinct. From 2018-2020 violent crime and property crime decreased in the 3 year comparison.

Mission areas are assigned by the number of calls and crimes in the downtown area. There is not a lot of foot traffic in the front door but the officers are out on foot and e-bikes (good weather) in the neighborhood.

- Action taken
- Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.

8. Vaccine Mandate Resolution

- Action taken
CMs Bingle and Cathcart agreed to sponsor this item to move forward for formal Council consideration.

Consent items

1. Purchase of boiler expeller shafts and bearings for WTE (Public Works)
2. 6-year agreement for geo-registered & orthogonal images from EagleView Technologies - formerly 'Pictometry' (ITSD)
3. Interlocal Agreement with Spokane County for Imagery Cost Sharing (ITSD)
4. Intterra COVID Response Software Renewal (SFD)
5. FEMA-Fire Prevention Grant Application (SFD)
6. Contract with Drug Testing Vendor (HR)
7. Pre-Employment Testing and Occupational Services Contract (HR)

Executive session

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:03PM

Prepared by:

Shae Blackwell

Approved by:



Council Member Michael Cathcart
PSCHC Committee Chair