

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

Call to Order: 1:17 p.m.

Recording of the meeting may be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/685659586>

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Councilmember Cathcart (Chair), Council President Beggs (Vice Chair), CM Stratton, CM Kinnear (left at 2:49PM), CM Wilkerson, CM Bingle, CM Zappone

Staff/Others Present: Chief Schaeffer, Chief Meidl, Johnnie Perkins, Michael McNabb, Eric Olsen, Justin Lundgren, Erik Poulsen, Mike Ormsby, Carly Cortright, Matt Folsom, Brian McClatchey, Patrick Striker

Approval of Minutes

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

Agenda Items

Discussion items

1. Police Department Update
 - Chief Meidl briefed the Committee on crime trends and data since police reforms were enacted statewide in July 2021. A powerpoint presentation with relevant data was shared with the Committee.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.

2. Fire Department Update
 - Chief Schaeffer briefed the Committee on 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. Ballot day is April 26.

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

3. Asset Forfeiture Update

- Major McNab and Matt Folsom briefed the Committee on how law enforcement agencies incur great expense in the investigation, prosecution, adjudication and incarceration of drug related offenders. Asset forfeiture funds provide a significant deterrent by removing profit incentive and provide a revenue source to help defray costs of law enforcement. Folsom further briefed the Committee on the fund uses based on RCWs. SPD presented a request for use of specific federal and state funds.

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

4. Mobile Speed Feedback Trailers

- Carly Cortright presented to the Committee on Mobile Speed Radar Trailers which are deployed by the City to the neighborhoods since 2011. The trailers have a data collection mechanism and are solar powered. Movement of the trailers have been an issue with different departments moving the trailers and facilitating the data collection. The new proposal would allow for a partnership with Spokane COPS who will deploy the trailers within the neighborhoods on a routine schedule. Cortright proposed support for funding tow hitches for COPS.

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

5. Police Fleet Purchasing for 2022

- SPD is in desperate 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 and beyond. Major McNabb shared a fleet breakdown and described how 57 percent of the SPD fleet is in need of replacement. SPD is requesting 64 K8 hybrids and will consider future hybrid purchases when a comparable model is available in response to the issues officers are experiencing with the Tesla fleet.

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

Consent items

1. Purchase of boiler expeller shafts and bearings for WTE (Public Works)
2. SBO for Temporary Reassignment and Reclassification of Firefighter Positions to Fire Dispatch positions (SFD)
3. Renewal of Contract with Spokane Treatment and Recovery Services - STARS (SFD)
4. County Conflict Contract between County and City Public Defender Office (City Legal)
5. Contract with TruePoint Solutions, LLC for Accela Software Professional Services and Support. (ITSD)
6. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Planning Grant Agreement Acceptance & Disbursal (SFD)
7. Contract for SIA Land Sale – West Plains Development, LLC (CP Beggs)

Executive session

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:56PM

Prepared by:

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Approved by:



Council Member Michael Cathcart
PSCHC Committee Chair