

STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Public Safety and Community Health
June 6, 2022

Call to Order: 1:17 p.m.

Recording of the meeting may be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/717681083>

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Councilmember Cathcart (Chair), Council President Beggs (Vice Chair), CM Stratton, CM Kinnear, CM Wilkerson, CM Zappone.

CM Bingle was absent.

Staff/Others Present: Tom Williams, Johnnie Perkins, Eric Olsen, Assistant Chief Lundgren, Eric Finch, Mike Ormsby, Carly Cortright, Matt Folsom, Matt Boston, Tonya Wallace, Nick Antush, Paul Ingiosi, Rex Strickland, Jesten Ray, Devin Biviano

Approval of Minutes

➤ Action taken

CM Wilkerson moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022, meeting; the motion was seconded by CM Zappone. The minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0.

Agenda Items

Discussion items

1. Police Department Update

➤ Assistant Chief Lundgren briefed the Committee on SPD's response to the threat of an active shooter in light of the recent school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Chief Lundgren explained that the goal of the department is to save lives and secure the scene. SPD would then assess medical treatment needs and evacuation of injured individuals while rescuing all those affected in the area.

➤ Action taken

Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.

2. Fire Department Update

- Tom Williams briefed the Committee on SFD's budget process. He indicated this process has been made better by using Questica. He further discussed the wildland fire season and has staff working on fires in New Mexico. Nationally, the threat level is two for fire danger. Additionally, the department is preparing for large scale community events like Hoopfest. Fire will be graduating 17 individuals from the academy in June.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
3. Fire Settlement Costs
- Mike Ormsby briefed this matter relating to two separate lawsuits in which budget authority has already been met. Seeking amendment of two contracts to add additional funds from Risk Management for litigating an appeal and also seeking a motion to dismiss.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
4. SMC Parking Discussion
- Jesten Ray shared proposed changes to the SMC relating to parking permit municipal codes. Changes being made at a section level – 10 sections total. Amends 4 sections of code, Repeals 3 sections of code, Adds two sections of code and sets an effective date. Changes combine permit types with the same business rules and makes the permit definition clearer for Commercial Loading Zones.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
5. Fire/EMS Academy SBO
- Rex Strickland briefed the committee on the ask from SFD to facilitate a 24 person recruit school in August including wages and benefits for instructors and additional funds for equipment, uniforms and PPE.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
6. Public Defender Salary Savings
- Paul Ingiosi and Nick Antush briefed the Committee on hiring positions and salary savings in the department that could be used for hiring additional help in the office.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
7. Abandoned Vehicle SBO
- Assistant Chief Lundgren presented on a proposed SBO that would bring two new civilian positions into the department for the purpose of creating an abandoned vehicles unit.

- Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
8. Lease Agreement for Trent Shelter Site
- City Administrator Johnnie Perkins and Eric Finch presented on the Mayor's Homeless Plan 2.0 and how the plan aligns with siting of a new shelter which has been identified as the Trent Ave Shelter. The overarching strategy is to build trust with the unhoused community to individualize services and opportunities for individuals to exit homelessness by way of accessing services through this shelter.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
9. Shelter Operator RFP Discussion
- Eric Finch discussed the operator selection for the Trent Ave Shelter. The Guardians Foundation application scored the highest based on the scoring rubric. Next steps involve identifying a service provider for wrap around services.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
10. Eviction Rent Assistance
- Devin Biviano shared information regarding the funds received during Covid and how those funds will be distributed via portals through Livestories and Carl Maxey Center and Family Promise. Hopeful to have up and running by June 20 and begin processing applications.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
11. Operational Funding Amendment
- Jenn Cerecedes spoke to the Council on the multiple covid contracts that are set to expire. CHHS would like to see those contracts extended to provide for continuation of those additional shelter beds that were made possible by the funds.
 - Action taken
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.

Consent items

- 1) WA Basin Stormwater Treatment (Engineering)
- 2) CAMTEK Value Blanket (Facilities)
- 3) VOA Shelter Project (CHHS)
- 4) Airgas Specialty Value Blanket (Solid Waste)
- 5) WATPA Auto Theft Prevention Grant (SPD)
- 6) Dispatch CCS UPS Replacement (SFD)
- 7) Don Kardong Bridge Additional Funding (Parks)
- 8) Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHHS)
- 9) FARP Program Extension (SPD)
- 10) Cubicle Panels Purchase (SPD)

Executive session

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10PM

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Approved by:



Council Member Michael Cathcart
PSCHC Committee Chair