



**Public Safety Committee**  
**9:00am, Monday, February 3, 2020**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Present: Council Members Buckhannon, Ward, Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Asst. City Administrator Hanna, Chief Cornett, Chief Graham, Director Kerr

**2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – January 13, 2020**

Council Member Pounds made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Citizen's Comments – none**

**4. Old Business**

**A. Update on the safety camera at Breach Inlet**

Chief Cornett reported on a recent meeting with Technology Solutions. They are testing a cell phone-type data system they recommend, and a hard deadline for installation will be presented at next month's meeting.

**B. Update on the purchase of the 75' ladder truck and refurbishment of the 95' ladder truck**

Chief Graham reported the 75' ladder truck is in New York. She, along with three other members of the Fire Department, will travel to New York for an inspection and training next week. The truck is expected to be in service at the end February-beginning of March.

The 95' ladder truck is currently in Florida and is expected to be in service in June.

**C. Discussion of Police and Fire Department's FY21 scheduled capital expenditures**

Administrator Fragoso reviewed the scheduled capital expenditures for both departments with Committee members.

**5. New Business**

**A. Discussion of implementing paid parking on the designated public beach parking zones**

Administrator Fragoso reported on a recent meeting with SCDOT to clarify their position on paid parking and what would be required of the City to implement paid parking. She said further consideration by the full City Council is needed before moving forward. Committee members briefly discussed the impact of paid parking on residents.

**B. Discussion of enforcement of encroachments in the right-of-way**

Council Member Buckhannon asked for clarification on the City's policy regarding enforcing right-of-way encroachments. Administrator Fragoso explained that while the City has the authority to enforce encroachments on the public rights-of-way, they have encouraged voluntary compliance and allowed residents to produce a SCDOT encroachment permit. She noted that tickets are rarely issued. Further guidance is needed from City Council on the issue as any stronger enforcement of blocked rights-of-way will be dealt with consistently across the island.

Director Kerr added that the Planning Department uses the Certificate of Occupancy as leverage on new construction to ensure there are no encroachments onto public rights-of-way. He said he does not have any legal authority to enforce the removal of encroachments. Administrator Fragoso said residents have expressed frustration over the City not doing more to enforce encroachments consistently. Director Kerr and Chief Cornett said that the State law regarding encroachments into public rights-of-way is very specific and allows the City to remove them.

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to suspend the rules of order and allow Dr. Jim Smiley to speak to the Committee. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Smiley asked why the issue regarding encroachments is being debated. He said allowing encroachments encourages new encroachments. He also added that it would be helpful if the Police Department would keep complainants aware of how an issue is being handled, adding there seems to be confusion as to what department should be dealing with encroachment issues.

**C. Presentation of the 1033 Military Surplus Program**

Chief Cornett explained the advantages of participating in the 1033 Military Surplus Program. Administrator Fragoso said this program allows the City access to more expensive equipment that could be used in emergency situations. As there are specific rules for the use of the equipment, the Police Department will develop a policy for whatever equipment is acquired.

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to reorder the agenda so that consideration of the request for an exemption to the noise ordinance on November 7, 2020 could be discussed next. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**D. Consideration of a request for an exemption from the noise ordinance during a Veterans and First Responder Blessing Ceremony on November 7, 2020**

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the request for an exemption from the noise ordinance during a Veterans and First Responder Blessing Ceremony on November 7, 2020. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion.**

Chief Cornett noted that blanks must be used in the 21-Gun Salute.

**VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.**

E. Consideration of resolution authorizing the consumption of beer and wine at the Front Beach Festival on March 7, 2020

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the consumption of beer and wine at the Front Beach Festival on March 7, 2020. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

F. Consideration of a Failure to Stop on Police Command ordinance

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

G. Discussion of pedestrian crossing at Palm Boulevard and the IOP Connector

Chief Cornett reported that several residents expressed concern about the safety of crossing over the IOP Connector going from City Hall towards the Harris Teeter. Pedestrians are signaled to walk across the roadway, but drivers still have the ability to turn left, creating a dangerous situation. After speaking with SCDOT he said that an all-stop pedestrian crossing creates a 41-second delay in traffic moving, which is could create traffic issues in the summer. He added that SCDOT would like a letter from the City Council supporting the request before moving forward.

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to present this recommendation to the full City Council. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows:**

Ayes: Ward, Buckhannon

Nays: Pounds

**The motion passed.**

H. Update on the Public Safety Building relocation process

Administrator Fragoso gave a brief update on the relocation process for the Public Safety staff. She said the City will begin noticing the public about the move and new location of the Public Safety offices 2-3 weeks before the move is complete.

I. Consideration of award of a contract to Munnerlyn Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$25,000 for the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 fireworks show

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the award of a contract to Munnerlyn Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$25,000 for the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 fireworks show. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion.**

Administrator Fragoso said this is the same company that has been used in past years and their contract renewal had expired. An RFP was issued, and Munnerlyn Pyrotechnics was the only respondent. Chief Graham said she has requested the same shooter as last year.

**VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Highlights of Departmental Reports**

**A. Fire Department – Chief Graham**

Chief Graham gave a brief review of the calls for service and monthly activities of the Fire Department.

**B. Police Department – Chief Cornett**

Chief Cornett reported only one significant arrest in January. He also said that the accreditation process will be discussed in future Committee meetings.

**7. Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 9:00am.

**8. Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:24am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk