



Public Safety Committee
9:00am, Monday, November 9, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom call due to COVID-19 Pandemic
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Council members Buckhannon, Ward, and Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Asst. Administrator Hanna, Chief Cornett, Chief Graham, Chief Hathaway

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – October 5, 2020

Council Pounds made a motion to approve, and Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

3. Citizens' Comments

The City Clerk read into the record a comment submitted to the Public Safety Committee. They can be found on the City's website alongside the agenda for this meeting.

4. Old Business

A. Update on Public Safety Building Rehabilitation Project

Administrator Fragoso reported that the Public Safety team is working inside the building. Trailers are in the process of being removed from the parking lot. In addition, she shared, "The bi-fold doors for the Fire Department bay were delivered last week, and one of them has been installed. They are working on the installation of the other three. The portico framing is in the process. The fire-treated plywood installation started last week and will be followed by some waterproofing." The generator is expected to arrive today and the work on the roof will be completed upon its installation. Some work, such as the flood proof doors, will be completed later this year or early next year.

B. Update of pedestrian crosswalks and intersection safety

Administrator Fragoso said the City is working with SCDOT on the installation of new crosswalks at 49th, 51st, east of 53rd, and 56th avenues. SCDOT has approved the request conceptually. In addition to applying for encroachment permits at these intersections, the City will be requesting a modification of the crosswalk at 46th Avenue to raise it up.

She expressed her thanks to Wild Dunes for their willingness to partner with the City on the costs related to the construction of these crosswalks.

Chief Cornett said he spoke with SCDOT about the installation of the flashing beacons at crosswalks. The Secretary of DOT said they have received numerous complaints from people claiming the flashlights are too bright. A video has been sent to Committee members showing the lights, but Chief Cornett said he will visit neighboring communities to video the lights himself. He said that if they are found to be too bright for residential areas that perhaps one could be installed in the area of 21st Avenue.

C. Update on Front Beach Loading zones and parking

Chief Cornett said the only potential spots available for this initiative would be the parking loading zones at the hotel. He expressed concern that using those may cause a traffic backup. He said that if the Committee decided to move forward with repainting the areas, he has received a quote from someone who could do it for \$3,000 as long as it could be done in 2020. As this is an unbudgeted expense, Administrator Fragoso said that she would look for a place to fund this project by the Ways & Means meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to approve this idea and move it forward to City Council for approval. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of replacing the 2003 Engine 1002 Pumper Truck by purchasing demo truck in the amount of \$525,000 in FY21 instead of refurbishing existing truck at \$325,000

Chief Hathaway detailed the request to purchase a demo truck. Rather than spend the \$300,000 budget to refurbish Engine 1002 (that was appraised at only \$12,000), staff recommends trading in the 2004 75' ladder truck (appraised at \$51,000) as down payment for the new pumper truck. The purchase of the pumper truck includes a \$10,000 contingency fund and travel costs for the final inspection. Modifications to the truck can be done while the truck is being made.

Administrator Fragoso said, "We are proposing that the City issue a letter of intent to the manufacturer telling them that we intend to purchase this demo truck. We would be rolling over the current \$300,000 that we have in this year's budget. We would be re-budgeting it for next year in FY22 and increase that number to \$530,000 to cover the cost of purchasing a new demo truck."

Chief Graham said the truck would not be ready until May 2022, and payment would not need to be made until July 2022. The new truck comes with a full warranty. The City has had previous good experiences with buying demo trucks.

MOTION: Council Member Pounds made a motion to replace the 2003 Engine 1002 Pumper Truck by purchasing demo truck in the amount of \$525,000 in FY21 instead of refurbishing existing truck at \$325,000. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **New Business**

A. **Discussion and consideration of proposed Resolution 2020-04 authorizing consumption of beer and wine only and amplified music at “The Holiday Street Festival & Movies on December 5, 2020**

Administrator Fragoso said the Recreation Department staff is working on a holiday street festival following COVID-19 guidelines.

MOTION: Council Member Pounds made a motion to recommend the approval of Resolution 2020-04 to City Council. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Highlights of Departmental Reports**

A. **Fire Department – Chief Hathaway**

Chief Hathaway reported there were 80 calls for service in October, bringing this year’s total to 767 calls for service, which is a 19% reduction from last year’s calls. He reviewed department activities and incident responses for October.

B. **Police Department – Chief Cornett**

Chief Cornett said there were 1,426 calls for service in October resulting in 122 total charges for the month including 14 DUIs, 18 drug charges, and one weapons charge. There were 300 traffic stops made in October. The department held its first pinning ceremony in October. He reported the arrival of the drone. He said, “We have one 107-license employee and a COA from the FAA and we are ready to go.”

He also shared the Humvee is being painted for free by the John Harris Body Shop on John Island and is expected to be completed soon.

Council Member Pounds asked that year-over-year data be added to the monthly police department data reports.

8. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be scheduled for January 2021.

9. **Adjournment**

Council Member Pounds made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk