PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2009

The Public Safety Committee held its regular meeting at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Present for the meeting were Chairman Buckhannon, Committee members Bettelli and Loftus, City Administrator Tucker, Fire Chief Graham, Police Chief Buckhannon, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

1. Chairman Buckhannon called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and the public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Councilman Bettelli moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2009 as submitted; Councilman Loftus seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Citizens Comments

Administrator Tucker stated that Chief Buckhannon was going to introduce Jamey Meekins as the newly appointed Livability Officer. Chief Buckhannon commented that Sergeant Meekins has been with the IOP Police Department for six (6) years and has been in law enforcement for some twelve (12) years. The Chief reported that Sergeant Meekins has done an excellent job as a Patrol Sergeant prior to his selection as the Livability Sergeant, and he fully anticipates Sergeant Meekins to be very proactive in meeting the needs of the residents of Isle of Palms.

The individual members of the Committee offered their congratulations and support to Sgt. Meekins as he begins his new role for the City.

<u>Jeff Jacobs</u>, 606 Ocean Boulevard, read prepared comments about being awakened at 3:00 a.m. due to noise created by renters in the neighboring residence, bright lights reflecting into the bedroom and cigarette butts being thrown into mulch and pine straw. He offered the following suggestions to the rental agents for conveying to renters the City's ordinances:

- give verbal notice of the regulations when the agent gives the renter the keys;
- post the regulations on brightly colored paper at doors leading out of the residence; and
- provide a means for safe disposal of cigarette butts on the porches of the residences.

Mr. Jacobs cited five separate times that renters are provided the island's regulations; he, therefore, believes that renters should be cited, rather than warned, when a complaint is called in. He also expressed the opinion that owners or rental agents should be cited if the "mandated" refrigerator sign is missing.

Chief Buckhannon stated agreement with Mr. Jacobs and said that he had told officers to cite offenders when complaints are filed at midnight or later.

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Councilman Loftus stated that one (1) challenge with the short-term rental ordinances was that they did not have any "teeth" regarding property owners in violation. He also noted that, with the large number of units being rented by owners on-line, the Council needs to look into putting accountability for the owner to appear before the Livability Judge into the ordinance.

At Chairman Buckhannon's request, Chief Buckhannon stated that the rental agent and/or owner is notified when the first complaint is made. He reported that he could track the number of times in a season a particular residence receives a complaint.

In response to Councilman Loftus' question about having the property owner/rental agent appear in court, Chief Buckhannon explained that the Livability Judge has requested that the owner/agent be in court; therefore, it has become standard practice for them to be present.

Sergeant Meekins noted that he had met with Judge Moloney to know his expectations for the Livability Court, and Judge Moloney stated that he was interested in having the complainant present to get a first-hand report of the incident. Sergeant Meekins reported that, more often than not, by the time an officer responds to an alleged noise complaint, the noise has quieted down or dissipated to the point that the officer does not issue a ticket because he cannot verify the complaint. The Sergeant stated that Judge Moloney agreed with Mr. Jacobs that the renters had been sufficiently informed of the City's regulations to be held accountable; the Judge would also like to see more consistency in enforcing the ordinances by the City's officers. According to Sergeant Meekins, the only time Judge Moloney was interested in having the rental agent in court would be in a case of a large party or in a case where the rental company was not abiding by the ordinances.

Chief Buckhannon reasoned that Judge Moloney wanted the complainants in court to describe how they had been victimized and use that explanation as justification to levy higher fines, but the Department was seeking to make the owners accountable.

<u>Carol Rice</u>, 292 Forest Trail, expressed her dislike for the demonstration project at the intersection of 41st Avenue and Palm Boulevard; she stated that she does not think it has been effective as an improvement to the intersection and that it is aesthetically "awful." Wild Dunes has changed its policy to stagger check-in/check-out over the full weekend. Therefore, the problem of traffic backing up as guests all checked in/out on the same day has cured itself thereby eliminating the need to change the intersection. She expressed her opinion that a traffic signal is not warranted at the intersection; the best solution, in her opinion, is to return the intersection to its original setup.

<u>Dee Taylor</u>, 7 Forty-third Avenue, reminded the Committee that he has come before the Committee in recent months to give his opinion on the 41st Avenue and Palm Boulevard intersection, and his opinion that the present configuration has not given the wanted results. He stated that he had contacted the City Administrator to look for other alternatives; he remains concerned about the safety of motorists, residents and visitors, who must travel through the intersection as it is presently configured.

Noel Scott, 6809 Back Bay Drive, stated that he has spent time observing the intersection since he has been a strong supporter of the demonstration project from the beginning. His observations have been that there were no backups at the times he was there and that the traffic from Wild Dunes flows better. He stated his opinion that the present configuration be made permanent since it is the most cost effective alternative for the City at this time.

Chairman Buckhannon asked for a motion to change the AGENDA.

MOTION: Councilman Loftus moved to address the first item of *New Business* before *Old Business*; Councilman Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. New Business

A. Discussion of 41st Avenue and Palm Boulevard Intersection finalization with Matt Pickens of Wilbur Smith Associates

Administrator Tucker began her introduction of Matt Pickens by displaying the work product of the Wilbur Smith Associates study of the 41st Avenue and Palm Boulevard Intersection that was done in 2007; many options for the intersection were evaluated with a roundabout being the Number One alternative. The present configuration was suggested by SC DOT as a demonstration project. The Administrator reported that she had contacted Wilbur Smith Associates again to evaluate the intersection for signalization, and she had asked the Chairman for a representative to be present at this meeting to engage in dialogue about the intersection and its possibilities.

Mr. Pickens stated that he was from the Raleigh, North Carolina office of Wilbur Smith Associates. He stated that the 2007 study had presented four (4) alternatives for the 41st Avenue and Palm Boulevard intersection and the present configuration is actually their Number Three, the all-way stop closing off Cameron Boulevard. The other alternatives were a roundabout and aligning Palm Boulevard as the main street and 41st Avenue keying into it, allowing Palm Boulevard to operate as free-flow and eliminating the stop/turn from Wild Dunes. He described the process for qualifying an intersection for signalization. Mr. Pickens said that Wilbur Smith would review the roundabout configuration with the closure of Cameron Boulevard to determine if there would be any changes to the requirements described in 2007.

Councilman Loftus stated that little had changed since the 2007 study, and the study did not recommend signalization. The roundabout was the City's preference, but the cost would be in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and property would have to be condemned – Councilman Loftus stated that many people would not be in favor of taking property from homeowners.

Councilman Loftus stated that comments from residents on the north end of the island were all favorable for the present configuration of the intersection; he noted that there had not been one (1) significant traffic backup over the Memorial Day weekend. He did suggest additional signage on Palm Boulevard indicating that the traffic flow through the intersection.

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Councilman Bettelli agreed that the volume of traffic going through the intersection was lighter than it had been in past years, which contributed to the fact that there were no backups. He did think that the thoughts of the Chiefs was vital to making a decision; he added that, whatever the Council decided to do, the safety of residents, City employees and tourists must be the primary consideration. He did think the present configuration was working.

Chairman Buckhannon repeated the statement he had made at a previous meeting that he wanted to get assessments from Chief Buckhannon and Chief Graham after a busy, in-season holiday as to the effectiveness of the demonstration project. He did comment that the closing of Cameron Boulevard was a huge improvement to the intersection and that Cameron should remain closed no matter what is decided about the intersection.

Chief Graham reported that she had gotten mixed reviews from the crews at Fire Station 2; she related that Shift 1 has said they have not experienced too many issues with the change. The other shift has said that for emergency traffic they have not had many issues; however, they have not yet been forced to oppose traffic in a backup situation. One comment she has heard several times is that motorists are going too far into the intersection, which does not allow enough clearance for the truck; there have been instances when the firefighters had to wave people through the intersection to allow the truck, especially the big ladder truck, to get through. There have also been reports of drivers from Wild Dunes running the STOP sign. She repeated her opinion that the intersection is confusing and stated that she avoids it as much as possible. Chief Graham's final comment was that, if the configuration is made permanent, the City needs more enforcement related to people running the STOP signs.

Chief Buckhannon reported that there has been one (1) accident since the demonstration project began in September 2008, and he said that the accident was independent of the intersection's configuration. There has not been an increase in the number of accidents at the intersection. He agreed that the stop bars coming from the marina toward Palm should be moved forward toward Palm, and the same is true for the stop bars coming from Wild Dunes. Another item that Chief Buckhannon would like to see modified, should the design be made permanent, is to place some type of permanent median - painted bright yellow - where the STOP sign is located, to make it impossible for motorists to cut the turn short; he thought a permanent median could also reduce the pedestrian traffic through the intersection. He stated that he had placed the stop line/arrow in an effort to enable people to better delineate that only traffic going toward the marina is to stop. In addition, he noted that SC DOT needs to come back to paint around the curve.

Chairman Buckhannon inquired of Chief Buckhannon whether it was feasible to contact SC DOT about making the changes that have been discussed at this meeting; the Chief responded that he did not think the SC DOT would do anything more to the intersection until they received notification from City Council of a final decision about the intersection. If Council decides to make the demonstration project permanent, they would be amenable to the changes the City wants.

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Administrator Tucker commented that, when the roundabout was originally proposed, consideration of closing off Cameron Boulevard was not included. She questioned that, with Cameron closed, could the roundabout be repositioned thereby eliminating the need for property acquisitions and leaving the City with the construction expense, on which DOT would possibly be willing to spend stimulus money.

Mr. Pickens said he had reviewed the 2007 study, and he thought the roundabout was quite large. Administrator Tucker indicated that a possible consideration in determining the size of the roundabout was the trailering of boats.

The Administrator related that Mr. Pickens had delivered a proposal for six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to look at signalization for the intersection, which she has not had time to review, and there has not been a consensus from the Committee that they want to go in that direction.

MOTION: Councilman Loftus moved to recommend to City Council to make the SC DOT demonstration project at 41st Avenue and Palm Boulevard permanent; Chairman Buckhannon seconded.

There was brief discussion regarding an upcoming meeting Mayor Cronin was to have with Robert Clark of SC DOT and a proposal to re-evaluate the possibilities of a roundabout with Cameron Boulevard closed. Councilman Taylor stated that there appeared to be a degree of indecision about adopting the demonstration project as permanent, but there was support for the roundabout. Councilman Taylor agreed with the Administrator that closing Cameron could mean that a roundabout was possible without the acquisition of land and that should be the primary focus; to make the current configuration permanent should be the secondary position. The discussion resulted in Councilman Loftus withdrawing his motion and Chairman Buckhannon withdrawing his second.

MOTION: Councilman Bettelli moved for the City Administrator to work with SC DOT to review the newly proposed street layout as it relates to a roundabout to determine if it is the same size and, as a dropback position, to finalize the SC DOT demonstration project; Chairman Buckhannon seconded.

Councilwoman Rice understood that the ladder truck was having problems making the turn off 41st Avenue toward Wild Dunes, and she was concerned that an island for the stop sign would interfere even more. Chief Graham stated that she was unaware that the truck was going over the existing island; the Fire Department's biggest problem was cars that pull too far into the intersection.

Call for the Question: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Old Business

Update on Public Safety Building – Consideration of Change Orders

Administrator Tucker stated that the construction Change Order is the change order foreshadowed by Dave Johnson attended the May Public Safety Meeting. At that time he

detailed the days requested by Mashburn, and the negotiation about the numbers of days related to weather, some construction issues and the roof has resulted in Change Order #11 for \$16,378.00. The Construction Change Directive is related to the communications equipment and AT&T for changes that have had to be made to accommodate the communications equipment; they represent the type of unavoidable and unanticipated situations that occur at the end of project when the suppliers and construction people are all trying to execute. Cole+Russell prepared the Construction Change Directive for the work to move forward to achieve the goal of being in the building before July 4th.

MOTION: Councilman Bettelli moved to recommend to Ways and Means the approval of Change Order #11 in the amount of \$16,378.00; Chairman Buckhannon seconded.

The next progress meeting is at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 and a walk-through will be part of that meeting. Chairman Buckhannon commented that, in his opinion, Dave Johnson has done a "phenomenal job for the City."

Call for the Question: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Buckhannon reported that AT&T had brought in an electrical engineer who determined that the room that will house the communication equipment, as it is currently configured, does not meet 911 guidelines. He noted that a separate ground wire comes into the room, but the 911 equipment must have its own independent ground wire. There must be an electrical panel on the second floor where the 911 equipment is located, so there must be five (5) independent outlets on their own separate electrical panel, independent of the main electrical panels. The result is a 40-amp circuit feeding five (5) independent outlets with their own separate ground wire with an additional three-inch (3") conduit just for cabling from the radio room to the Dispatch office. Chief Buckhannon did not, at this time, know what the cost would be, but the work must be completed before the Police Department can move into the building.

Administrator Tucker commented that the Change Directive is the process that allows the work to proceed; there will be a change order forthcoming related to the cost of the work. She also informed the Committee that the City is "still well within. . . comfort zone of contingency on this project and still under budget."

MOTION: Councilman Loftus moved to approve Construction Change Directive #5; Councilman Bettelli seconded.

Councilman Loftus asked Chief Buckhannon if he would have the cost in time for the Ways and Means Committee meeting on June 16; the Chief said he would make every effort to have the figures by then.

Call for the Question: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. New Business

B. Discussion of Ordinance 2009-10 – An Ordinance Amending Title 7, Chapter 3 of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Create a Swimming Zone and Establish Certain Regulations Therefore.

Chairman Buckhannon commented that this Ordinance was given First Reading at the May City Council meeting.

Administrator Tucker stated that this ordinance has been written after discovering that the City did not have an ordinance detailing the authority for the County to do what it has been doing at the County Park. She further explained that this was the result of discussions with the County over the complication that developed when the City expanded the guarded area and expanded it into a surf zone. With surfers and swimmers in conflict, the City entered into dialogue with the County Park; they related that they had ordinance language in other local governments in which they operate, such as Folly Beach. Therefore, the City began review of its ordinances to clarify the County's level of authority to take action in the County Park beach area; the ordinance defines a hierarchy of authority.

Chairman Buckhannon commented that the ordinance does not impose any new limitations, but gives the lifeguards the authority to enforce those regulations that are in place. The Administrator added that the ordinance also clarifies that the County's actions are subordinate to the authority of the City.

MOTION: Councilman Bettelli moved to recommend approval for Second Reading the amended version of Ordinance 2009-10; Councilman Buckhannon seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Discussion of Beach Debris Ordinance

Administrator Tucker stated that she had hoped to have a draft of a potential ordinance changes for the Committee to review at this meeting, but other work deadlines that required interaction with the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney did not allow the goal to be achieved. But The Administrator ensured the Committee that work was happening; Chief Buckhannon, Director Kerr and the Administrator are working with language. The goal is to solve the problem that was presented last year of debris on the beach – tents, chairs, umbrellas, etc. that are left on the beach unattended – and while not making unintended changes to long-standing traditions that do not have an adverse impact on turtle nesting or safety. What has occurred was an unintended consequence of the ordinance as the City began to be proactive in enforcing the beach debris ordinance this year. The Administrator stated her intention to have something for review in time for the next City Council meeting.

Councilman Loftus asked why the incident occurred when the ordinance has been on the books for a period of time. Chief Buckhannon responded that it was a result of uniform enforcement of the ordinance across the entire beach; in this case, it was that a permanent structure was a technical violation of the existing ordinance. It was determined that the problem in this case was with the ordinance; therefore, Chief Buckhannon contacted the City Administrator.

D. Discussion of Widening the Connector on the Mount Pleasant Side

Councilman Loftus stated his observation that there was a traffic problem for people leaving the island, and he interprets the problem to be a safety issue. He noted that there is ample space to make the Connector to Hungry Neck Boulevard into four (4) lanes of traffic and that action would greatly open the flow of traffic off the island. He stated that he wanted the Committee to move forward with conversations with SC DOT to accomplish this.

Chief Buckhannon stated that the former Mayor of Mount Pleasant had stated that the Connector needs to be addressed, but the Chief did not know if there was any timeline established. Chief Buckhannon said there could possibly be stimulus money now, but the crux of the issue is whether Mount Pleasant wants to do it; he has found that they have not been receptive to placing an officer there to maintain the flow of traffic.

Mayor Cronin said he would be happy to add that to his list of items to discuss with DOT in his meeting tomorrow, and his meeting with the Mount Pleasant Mayor Pro Tem the following day. Mayor Cronin requested that Chief Buckhannon provide him with the Connector traffic counts for a given period in 2008 and the same period in 2009 for his meeting.

E. Discussion of July 4th Activities

Administrator Tucker reported that budget constraints with Charleston County have changed the EMS assistance they can provide to the City for July 4th; the only way that they will guarantee having EMS personnel assigned to the Isle of Palms is to pay for the service. In the meeting packets was an email that provides for two (2) bike medics at a rate of thirty-five dollars (\$35) per hour and a minimum of two hundred eighty dollars (\$280), or four (4) hours. This expense will be an additional and unbudgeted expense as the County has been provided this service free of charge in the past.

Chief Graham commented that the bike medics have good equipment with them, and, for the last several years, the bikes have been the only way to get through the crowd.

The Administrator noted that the bike medics would be needed for more than four (4) hours; they would be needed from the time that the crowd begins to get heavy, usually about noon, until the City wraps up the day's activities around midnight.

Chief Buckhannon indicated that he had not received a response from the Sheriff's office about the use of County law enforcement; there is the possibility that they, too, will require that the City pay for the use of officers.

MOTION: Councilman Bettelli moved to authorize the City to pay for the time required for the bike medics on July 4th, 2009; Councilman Loftus seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Administrator Tucker reminded the Committee that, historically when the City hosted the fireworks displays and the ATAX applications were approved, meals have been provided for the personnel who had to work the event; the City also provided t-shirts so that everyone was

dressed in the same color, therefore, easy to locate for safety and crowd control reasons. The t-shirts were taken out of the budget for this season's fireworks; Chief Graham has come up with an alternative, which does not need City approval, but she was asked to bring it up to this Committee and City Council for them to know that the Administrator had not gone contrary to their wishes.

Chief Graham stated that she would be purchasing the Fire Department's t-shirts with one percent (1%) money, and another source, not City money, to pay for the balance. The cookout will also be paid in part by one percent (1%) money to ensure that the volunteers are fed. Chairman Buckhannon asked how much money was usually spend on the cookout; Chief Graham said that the cost is usually two to three hundred dollars (\$200-300). This year, the plan is for Director Pitts to cook hamburgers and hotdogs, and there is a fund of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to cover the cost of the food. The Chief stated that she expects the t-shirts to cost five to six hundred dollars (\$500-600), because she will buy fewer than in the past. Sheadded that she has learned from past experience that having everyone in the same color adds credibility to them.

Administrator Tucker reiterated that the t-shirts and food are not being purchased with City funds, but the Fire Department's one percent (1%) money, which the Department is entitled to do.

F. Consideration of Projects for Submission for CTC Funds

Administrator Tucker commented that this request went through the Public Works Committee in their May meeting; the deadline for submission is June 26, 2009. The three (3) items that were suggested by the Public Works Committee were (1) 54th-57th Avenue drainage project, (2) improvements to 21st Avenue handicapped parking and (3) surfacing of 18th Avenue/Cassina, assuming that ownership can be established. She wanted to know that this Committee was in a agreement with these project submissions.

Chairman Buckhannon reported that the sidewalk along 21st Avenue was in very poor condition, and he was concerned about an elderly person falling on the way to church. Administrator Tucker stated that the sidewalk could be added as Number 4, if the Committee agreed. Chairman Buckhannon indicated that he was referring to the entire length of 21st Avenue from Palm Boulevard to Waterway Boulevard; Administrator Tucker stated that the sidewalk there had been specifically pointed out to Robert Clark of SC DOT on his most recent visit.

With the approval of the Committee, the three (3) projects from the Public Works Committee and the sidewalk on 21st Avenue will be submitted for funding by CTC.

Chairman Buckhannon turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Bettelli because he had to attend the dress rehearsal for "The Wizard of Oz" production.

6. Highlights of Department Reports for May 2009

Chief Graham reported that on May 6, the Fire Department rescued one (1) person who had been swept out to sea; Sullivan's Island rescued the second person – both parties were transported to the hospital in pretty serious condition. On May 30, the Department assisted in pulling a trailer out of the water at the boat ramp.

The Fire Department responded to eighty-three (83) calls during the month; ten (10) fire inspections were conducted where fifty-two (52) violations were discovered.

Chief Graham reported that preventative maintenance had been performed on the ladder truck where hydraulic filters, turbo-charger and cooling lines were replaced at a cost of six hundred forty dollars (\$640); she informed the Committee of this expense because the Fire Department is over-budget in the Vehicle Maintenance line.

The Chief stated that the Department had assisted with the ALS Run; she said she would like to see the race moved to the Public Safety Building next year to eliminate the congestion on Front Beach. Chief Graham added that the ALS Race is a wonderful event.

Chief Buckhannon stated that the Police Department report was not ready, but he did distribute the traffic data reports for the month of May and for Memorial Day weekend. He commented that the rain on Saturday evening and Sunday morning (of Memorial Day weekend) impacted the volume of traffic, but the volume is very comparable to the upward trend has occurred over the last several years.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Announcement of Exchange Club Awards for Police and Fire

Chief Buckhannon related that his recommendations for the Police Department had been Detective Sergeant Dawn Caldwell and Victim Advocate Diane Tarr for solving the multiple cases of burglary; there had been forty-five (45) burglaries over a three (3) month period; at the start of the year, there were twenty (20) followed two (2) months later by twelve (12) more. Significant arrests were made in the burglaries; in a July case, they did such a fine job that the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) called Chief Buckhannon to compliment him on the thoroughness of the investigation that the two (2) detectives had done, as well as the work product that was reported to SLED. The Chief noted that DNA samples had been collected that led to the arrest of individuals who, otherwise, may have eluded arrest; their work also resulted in solving cases in other parts of the County.

Chief Graham stated that she had chosen to recognize the entire Fire Department; she stated that, while there have been exceptional performances during the year, in the Fire Department, the work is all about teamwork. She stated that there has been quite the occasion to pull together, and she plans to keep that going.

Chief Buckhannon explained the selection process for a promotion to Sergeant; he stated that the appointment of Sergeant Meekins to Livability Sergeant had resulted in the opening of a

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Patrol Sergeant position. There was written testing, oral boards, in and out baskets scenario, and interviews with the Chief; the top candidate was Derek Ambas; therefore, he has been promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Ambas has been with the City seven (7) years, and he was the more qualified of the two (2) candidates; the decision had been made primarily based on the experience level the candidates.

Councilman Loftus asked if the Livability Officer would be working weekends; Chief Buckhannon replied that he would be working weekends and nights rotating.

Administrator Tucker commented that the meeting between the Livability Officer and the realtors was being scheduled; she indicated that she would notify Council members once the meeting is set.

Chief Buckhannon remarked that he had discussed putting more emphasis on the complainants with Sergeant Meekins; the Chief said that the Sergeant understood that he would need to have more contact with them to follow-up on the cases. In reality, Sergeant Meekins will not be the officer making the majority of the charges, but he will be the one who does the "leg work" to make the determination that it is a first-time problem, an ongoing problem, etc. He will be working closely with Director Kerr, and he has been acquainted with the expectation level.

Chief Graham gave a brief update on the situation with the digital radios stating that problems continue, but a slight improvement has been detected since the down tilt was done. However, she explained that interference has increased with the increased heat, the Department is having more and more difficulties; they are still missing transmissions and receiving garbled transmissions; they continue to be kicked off the system. She did note that the County and Motorola are still working on the system. The Chief stated that there is a push to turn the 6 Mile site into a simulcast site; this action would be in the best interest of the City.

Councilman Loftus asked Chief Buckhannon if the signage for 25th Avenue had been installed; Chief Buckhannon said that he had spoken with SC DOT and the order for the signs has been placed. Councilman Loftus asked the Mayor Cronin add this issue to the list for his meeting.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilman Loftus moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.; Vice Chair Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland City Clerk