

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 9, 2014 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bergwerf and Carroll, Chair Bettelli, Administrator Tucker, Fire Chief Graham, Police Chief Buckhannon, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business.

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

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Councilmember Bergwerf moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2014 as submitted; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Citizen's Comments

Consideration of 2 Special Events

A. Race 13.1

John Kane of Race 13.1, headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, was present to describe the race event and to answer questions from the Committee; a detailed copy of the plan for the event is attached to the historical record of the meeting. Mr. Kane stated that he founded the company, and it produces half-marathons with twenty (20) already scheduled for 2015. He became associated with Wild Dunes as they were considering an off-season event to draw business; he noted that Wild Dunes, Frank Fredericks and Dave Kynoski fully support the event. The planned route for the event is out of Wild Dunes at the rear entrance to Palm Boulevard to Waterway Boulevard, back onto Palm and then to Ocean Boulevard to begin the return; he assured the Committee that no resident or visitor would be inconvenienced for more than ten (10) minutes. Although he represents a for-profit business, they partner with local charities for every event.

Councilmember Carroll asked if Wild Dunes had initiated contact with Mr. Kane; he responded that his company had been looking at coming into the Charleston market and reached out to Wild Dunes, coincidentally, at a time that Wild Dunes was looking for an event or program to drive business in the off-season.

Responding to Councilmember Carroll's question, Mr. Kane said that he anticipated between eight hundred and twelve hundred (800-1,200) runners in the first year with a goal of two thousand (2,000) runners in the future.

Referring to the road closures on Saturday, October 4 for approximately fifteen hundred (1,500) participants in the Connector Run, Councilmember Carroll asked for more details on the impact on island roads for this proposed event. According to his plan, Mr. Kane replied that the only complete closure would be at the end of Palm at 54th or 55th Avenue at the start of the race for

twenty-five to thirty (25-30) minutes. For the race, Mr. Kane's company will hire a company that specializes in traffic management to meter traffic flow the length of the route.

Where there are straight distances, such as Waterway, Palm and Ocean Boulevards, runners will occupy one (1) lane of traffic and vehicles the other.

Chair Bettelli noted that none of the race will take place in Wild Dunes; Mr. Kane explained that the decision was that as straight a route as possible was preferable and will not impede access to Wild Dunes.

Councilmember Bergwerf's reaction to the presentation was that it looked like a "traffic nightmare" for the island. She stated that, although Wild Dunes supports the event, it will take place outside of Wild Dunes and disrupt traffic for the remainder of the island.

Chair Bettelli asked whether Race 13.1 had held another event on an island; to which Mr. Kane responded that this would be the first, but he would provide the names of other cities where he has held events.

Administrator Tucker stated that she had a number of concerns about the impact to traffic and residents; she added that the proximity of runners to vehicular traffic presented a high risk to runners. The Administrator agreed that the event would likely be very successful in the off-season and asked whether Mr. Kane had considered carving out a route between a low tide beach and within the boundary of Wild Dunes.

On the matter of driving business to the Isle of Palms, Councilmember Bergwerf commented that there were no guarantees that the race participants would stay on the island. Mr. Kane agreed, but indicated that he would aggressively advertise the island's hotels on his website to the runners. He also described the advantage runners feel they have when they stay next to the starting line.

Mr. Kane stated that he would consider a beach run, but he asked the Committee if there was anything he could say or do to allay the Committee's reservations.

Administrator Tucker asked what the tipping point for the donation to the charity from the race. Mr. Kane explained that the donation could depend on the number of race participants or the charity could supply volunteers for the race who would be paid as the donation.

Based on traffic and parking issues on the island, the consensus of the Committee was not inclined to recommend this event as a City-sponsored event at this time.

B. Johnson and Johnson Event

Chuck Pam, Director of Event Management with Wild Dunes, stated that he was representing Johnson and Johnson and Kendra Sweet; he noted that Johnson and Johnson is a big client for Wild Dunes bringing five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to Wild Dunes and the island. Mr. Pam stated that this will be the fifth year that Johnson and Johnson has held its annual event at Wild Dunes, and they have contracted for three (3) additional years.

The theme of the upcoming event is space, and the plan is to construct a small UFO prop and to use the existing walkways in order not to impact the dunes. The event is planned for Friday, November 7, 2014.

Bill Winans of Meeting Dynamics stated that this will be an illusion that lasts about five (5) minutes; the principals will be dressed in NASA uniforms and rise from the top of the UFO. He distributed sketches showing that the UFO prop will be a profile of the UFO, a perfectly flat piece of scenery, attached to the front of an 8-foot by 24-foot stage; the top half will fold back for exiting the UFO. In addition, they distributed photographs showing where the UFO would be placed on the beach. Mr. Winans noted that the scenery will be disassembled and taken off the beach as soon as the party is over, around 10:00 p.m. or 10:30 p.m.

Councilmember Bergwerf questioned that people would be trampling on the dunes as the stage was constructed; Mr. Winans responded that people, other than his crew, will be at the party.

Administrator Tucker voiced her understanding from OCRM that this structure will require some kind of special event permit from them. Another issue for the planners to be aware of is that the City's beach renourishment project begins on November 3rd and that the harvest sites are north and south of the location for the stage that will require heavy equipment running down the beach at low tide in daylight hours. Assistant Dziuban added that the equipment will remain on the beach when not in use.

Mr. Pams explained that, assuming they get approval from the City, they will send the revised documents and drawings to Blair Williams at OCRM to get a special events permit or something in writing saying that a special events permit was not needed.

MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to recommend to City Council that the Johnson and Johnson event on the beach in Wild Dunes be approved as a City-sponsored event with OCRM's approval; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Bettelli advised their attendance at the City Council meeting of Tuesday, October 28th; Administrator Tucker asked Mr. Winans to refine the drawings a bit more to show what the attendees will see at the moment of the illusion. Assistant Dziuban cautioned that the Council meetings are videotaped and shown on TV the next day, so, if they want to maintain surprise, they might want to restrict what they present.

Bobby Ross and Deputy Chief Stan Gragg of the Mount Pleasant Police Department were also present asking to hold an event with *The Windjammer* as the host site. Chief Gragg stated that he also serves on the Law Enforcement Torch Run board; this organization holds various events to raise awareness of and to generate funds for Special Olympics. He stated that this organization is largest grassroots fund-raising organization for Special Olympics. At this meeting, he is requesting the City's approval for a polar plunge Saturday, January 24, 2015 that will be a family-oriented event at mid-tide; all of the money raised will go the Special Olympics. There will be a registration fee for the event; insurance certificates will come from the regional office in Columbia.

At the mention of drink tickets, Assistant Dziuban asked whether they could be used for alcoholic beverages; Chief Gragg said that they could not.

The Chief concluded by stating that funds raised at an event like the polar plunge help to fund year-round opportunities for Special Olympics athletes and their families.

MOTION: Chair Bettelli moved to recommend approval of a polar plunge at *The Windjammer* Saturday, January 24th, 2015 to City Council as a City-sponsored event; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Ross added that he had gotten *The Windjammer* involved because he believes that this is a very worthwhile charity, and, if it grows, it could benefit all Front Beach businesses at a time when business is slow.

4. Old Business

Discussion of Parking

A. Palm Boulevard between 21st and 41st Avenues

Administrator Tucker suggested drawing the “white line” four (4) feet off the road on both sides of Palm between 21st Avenue and 41st Avenue; Chief Buckhannon has indicated that to do this he wants to make it an enforceable offense on both sides because, otherwise, it would look as if the Police Department was not doing its job. If the Committee supports this effort, the City could pursue it with SCDOT.

Chief Buckhannon further advocates for making the landward side of Palm Boulevard parallel parking; but the Administrator seems to remember some bad things Stantec said could happen if the City were to pursue parallel parking along that stretch of road. These things include reducing the parking on that side of the road by “x” amount which would result in driving the displaced vehicles into the neighborhoods.

If the Committee was in agreement about this issue, the Administrator recommended taking one (1) step at a time and working with SCDOT to require parking four (4) feet off the road on the landside of Palm between 21st and 41st Avenues; the Administrator is of the opinion that the “white line” on the ocean side of Palm has made parking safer and more orderly.

From attending the Parking Public Hearing, Chair Bettelli recalled people commenting on SUVs parked just off the road making, visibility difficult at best. He indicated that he would support the Administrator in her attempts.

Chief Buckhannon commented that he believes that parallel parking would work well because of how well it has worked in the curve at 21st Avenue; in his opinion, there is no reason that it would not work just as well all the way to 41st Avenue.

Councilmember Bergwerf asked what the impact would be to the residents who live on second row in that area. The Chief thought any impact would be minimal since property-owners have vehicles parked in the right-of-way and landscaping in the rights-of-way.

Chair Bettelli asked that staff check with Stantec to get clarification on parallel parking between 21st and 41st Avenues on Palm Boulevard and to talk with Robert Clark, focusing on parking four (4) feet from the pavement and whether they would allow parallel parking there.

Administrator Tucker reiterated that moving slowly would be best; to being with four (4) feet off the road and then pursue parallel parking.

Councilmember Carroll voiced his agreement with both actions, but asked that City Council meet just to discuss the issues brought up by residents at the public hearing and commented that these issues could be covered at the same time.

MOTION: Chair Bettelli moved to recommend to Council initiating a four (4) feet (white line) from pavement parking requirement for the land-side of Palm Boulevard from 21st Avenue to 41st Avenue; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

Administrator Tucker expressed the opinion that getting the four (4) feet off the pavement designation on the landward side of Palm will be more difficult to obtain than parallel parking at some point in the future; this may take an act of the legislature.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Public Input

Administrator Tucker took this opportunity to make the Committee aware that the City has received post-meeting input from residents who did not speak at the Parking Public Hearing. The Administrator related the receipt of a communication from Chris Witt who is concerned about the overflow parking on Waterway at 41st from the marina and how the parking permit system might mesh with this problem; the City also received a communication from the Werners. The majority of input has been in the genre that Councilmembers heard at the hearing.

Councilmember Carroll reiterated his opinion that City Council needed to hold a special meeting that would address the parking issue; Councilmembers Bergwerf and Bettelli agreed.

5. New Business

A. Discussion of Fireworks Contract

The Administrator informed the Committee that the City has had the same shooter for the Zambelli contract for many years; for the most recent fireworks display, Zambelli sent a new shooter because they had parted ways with the old shooter. For the many years that the City has had the relationship with Zambelli's, the shooter and his co-workers have done all of the

setup, the shoot and the breakdown; Zambelli is now giving pushback, stating that they should not be doing all of the things they have done in the past. They have issued, in essence, a demand

letter spelling out the tasks they will no longer perform but that the City must do in the future. Alternatively, they offered to mutually agree to sever the contract.

The City's instincts are that the City should take advantage of their offer, cut ties with Zambelli and issue an RFP for the annual fireworks display because there are other companies; the RFP would have to be structured to state that the vendor would be required to perform these tasks.

Chief Graham stated initially that there were no secrets between Zambelli's and the City about what was expected based on past performances; since there was to be a new shooter in 2013, the Chief demanded a meeting, and someone did come to the island for a walk-through. At the meeting, the Chief saw a completely different outlook on the show, but every aspect was reviewed. The laborers who were present for the show thought that their only job was to place the fireworks in the racks; from past experience, the laborers unloaded the truck, took everything to the end of the dock, set everything up, hammered and strapped them down. Based on Zambelli's letter, beginning in 2014, the City would be responsible for doing those jobs. The Chief concluded that she supported terminating the contract since they will no longer exhibit the level of service as they have in the past.

According to the Chair, the Committee was presented with two (2) choices, i.e. to terminate the contract with Zambelli's, and, if the annual fireworks displays are to continue, and to authorize the issuance of an RFP.

The Committee agreed that the City should not stop the July 4th fireworks displays.

MOTION: Councilmember Bergwerf moved to recommend to City Council that the contract with Zambelli's, by mutual agreement, be terminated; Councilmember Carroll seconded; Councilmember Carroll seconded.

In Chief Graham's opinion, the Isle of Palms' firework display is a big job for a contractor; therefore, time is of the essence with the issuance of an RFP.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to recommend to City Council for the development of an RFP for the fireworks display; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

The Chief commented that Zambelli would have the opportunity to bid on the new contract. She also noted that an interested vendor should send the shooter to the island for a walk-through which could be included in the RFP.

Assistant Dziuban reminded the Committee that the FY15 budget had been built around the existing Zambelli contract amount.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Announcement of a New Police Department Service

Chief Buckhannon explained that every action by an officer requires a report, referred to as an incident report that records the details of the incident. Partnering with the City's software vendor and collaborating with Bair Analytics and Huber Associates, the Chief is now able to provide new information for the City's residents. Bair Analytics provides crime mapping, and they have integrated the Police Department's software to display the criminal and non-criminal incident reports on a map of the island for a period of twelve (12) years. A resident can look generally at what is happening on the island or key into a specific area or a particular type of crime; hot spots on the island will appear on the map as a cluster of markers.

Captain Usry explained that a resident will key-in "raidsonline.com" and be taken to a map of the United States; states shaded in gray are participating in the service. Initially, two (2) weeks of data are shown, but the user has the ability to go to a pre-defined range, such as a month. The user also can select specific or all types of events that he wants to check for his neighborhood or the entire island. In addition, the user can "mouse" over any one (1) marker to get some details of a specific report; rather than specific address, a block address is given. Another feature of the program is that someone is able to submit an anonymous tip on any incident displayed on the screen; subsequently an email is sent to the investigations division for follow-up.

Assistant Dziuban asked for further clarification of the term "incident report." Captain Usry explained that an incident report is basically an information report on non-criminal offenses.

If a user has does not want to look at the symbols on the map, he can go to a data grid that will provide a list of the incidents.

A third application generates analytical information, for instance, an automatic breakdown of the type of crime class, the crime by day of the week, crime by time of day, etc. and it also shows hot spots on the island for the time frame selected.

Councilmember Carroll asked about the cost of the service as it relates to the budget. The Chief responded that it was an expense of five hundred dollars (\$500) to make the link; the service from Bair Analytics is free.

Councilmember Carroll then asked whether the same service was available for the Fire Department; the Chief said he was unsure.

Chief Graham asked if there would be a link between this service and the City's Facebook page; Administrator Tucker stated that there would be on both the City's website and the Facebook page.

The Administrator stated that she was happy that the City could provide the service and that it could be provided at so little cost to the City.

C. Review of Golf Cart Law

Administrator Tucker commented that she has heard that people prefer for there to be some method to get to Harris Teeter or possibly the southern end of the island legally via golf cart. Based on her understanding, there are two (2) ways to accomplish this, i.e. first a change in state law that could take as much as two (2) years and second the possibility of taking a portion of the right-of-way out of the state system such that the golf cart would not be on the state road. If the City could acquire a portion of the right-of-way between 18th and 20th Avenues landward of the sidewalk; this area would need major alteration to be able to accommodate golf carts.

According to Chief Buckhannon, if the City had the path on the ocean-side of Palm, that stretch of road ends in the shopping center. The Beach Company/Pastime Amusements would have to agree that the path goes into their lot and officially recognize that golf cart traffic would cut through their parking lot.

Councilmember Carroll questioned that the IOP Water and Sewer Company has a large right-of-way adjacent to that shopping center; the Administrator acknowledged that to be true and added that she did not know how that would fit into the picture.

The Administrator asked that members of the Committee inform their friends and neighbors that the prohibition of golf carts on the sidewalk and in the right-of-way on the other side of Palm between 20th and the Island Center is not new; the law has been in place for years. It has been a low priority for enforcement because of other happenings in the City, but that has not made it any less illegal. Although it is a low priority for enforcement, it can still be cause for a stop, especially if the driver is suspected of driving under the influence. In addition, many residents think it is an Isle of Palms law, but it is a state law.

D. Discussion of Police Department Job Descriptions and Police and Fire Departments Organizational Charts

Administrator Tucker initiated the discussion noting that included in meeting packets were the updated job descriptions for the Police and Fire Department as well as organizational charts for both with the years of service noted for each employee; the organizational charts were provided at the request of Councilmember Carroll. The Councilmember commented that he would like to see the names filled in for the Fire Department as was done for the Police Department.

Chair Bettelli noted that the changes to the job descriptions were primarily reflective of the title changes in the department as well as the addition of the statement:

“Refers to policy and procedures manuals, computer manuals codes/laws/ordinances/ regulations, publications and reference tests, etc.”

Administrator Tucker stated that her perception at the Council meeting was that the only issue that existed was related to the Telecommunicators becoming Communication Specialists, and, unless a member of the Committee has a problem with other job descriptions, the discussion should focus on that issue. The Committee agreed.

Chief Buckhannon stated that he taken the dispatcher's job and determined what he wanted to call them from a list of five or six (5-6) options; he noted that he is not "wedded" to a title.

Councilmember Carroll recalled that, when the decision was being made to join with the Consolidated Dispatch Center (CDC), one (1) issue used to promote the move was that the City would be saving money to do so. He also commented how uninviting the Public Safety Building is with no one on the first floor to greet people and often there was no one in either window on second floor; he commented that he was glad to see that situation change. In addition, he voiced interest in knowing how these new positions affect pay in the Police Department's budget.

Chief Buckhannon said that he did not think the City went to the CDC with the intention of saving money; being in year two (2) now, the City is paying fifty percent (50%) of the cost it paid for the dispatchers. As of October 2015, the City will no longer be required to pay Charleston County any funds relating to the dispatchers who moved to the CDC. The move was more about consolidating the services to streamline and make the public safety function, across fire, police and EMS, to be more efficient, more accountable and better able to respond to the needs of the people, as well as to work more collaboratively.

Councilmember Bergwerf asked what the dispatchers cost the City when they were on the island; Chief estimated in excess of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) a year. The Councilmember's point was that the cost of the personnel in-house is a small percentage of what the cost was before when the City did its own dispatching; this is not a situation of increasing people in the Police Department and increasing costs.

Administrator Tucker noted that there has been no alteration to the compensation to accompany the title change, only the normal adjustments approved by Council for employees City-wide. The Administrator commented that the Communication Specialists answer a large number of calls and people appreciate dialing the non-emergency number (843/886-6522) and having an Isle of Palms person on the other end who knows "the lay of the land." This can, at times, be problematic since they are to be listening to the radio; if involved in a non-emergency call for service when something begins to unfold on the radio, they may miss the details

The Administrator indicated that, when the change in job description came up, she felt that some members of Council were suspicious that staff was trying to get a new position approved or change compensation, and that is not the case. As stated in the meeting, Council approved them in the budget the first year. They were retained and approved last year as it was pointed out that they are still here. They are subject to evaluation and tweaking every year; it sounded as if there is probably some sentiment of wanting to pare it down some; if the City goes to only people staffing the window during normal business hours, the City will have to figure out how it will handle the "ten (10) minute hits," which will likely add an expense for another law enforcement agency to perform that function. She ensured the Committee that approving this job description is not making these people permanent in the City's hierarchy although she suspects that Chief Buckhannon would prefer for that to be the case. In her understanding, the Chief thinks they are needed, he feels that having someone within the City to do the "ten (10) minutes hits" is important as well as having the staffing at the front window is important, and they have plenty of work to do.

Administrator Tucker added that, although no one knows what is going to happen with the parking, staff has always conceived that, if the City goes to a permit system that will be mostly automated, the City will still need a “go-to” place to purchase the permits and the Police Department window was been that place. If the City decides not to keep these people, that scenario must be re-thought.

Chief Buckhannon stated that it is important to recognize that job descriptions are living-breathing documents which the City should review annually; in his opinion, that is accomplished when the department managers look at the evaluation process each year. He noted that job functions change quite frequently; therefore, they need to be looked at frequently.

Chief Graham explained that the Fire Department secretary is part-time, so there may be no one at their window; before the dispatchers were moved, there were times when no one was occupying the windows. The Chief continued that these persons have been a HUGE bridge in the gap that the Fire Department has encountered with CDC. She noted that, as a result of CDC, the Fire Department has found it easier to talk to other departments in the area, but have difficulty connecting with the IOP Police Department; the Fire Department has found it an asset to have people in that room that understand when something is not right. The Chief added that there have been many times when they get a call and the radio channel is announced so fast that the Fire Department personnel miss it or there is no announcement of the channel; these personnel can look at the screen and tell which channel was assigned to the call. The Chief voiced the opinion that having IOP personnel backing up other IOP personnel is critical and this position is important to retain.

Chair Bettelli recalled that the primary reason these persons were kept after the move to the CDC was the problems that another local beach community had experienced when they made transitioned to the CDC.

Councilmember Carroll repeated his opinion that having people to occupy the front window is critical, but he also indicated that, if the City goes with the parking permit program, there will be a line at the window on a daily basis.

MOTION: Chair Bettelli moved to approve the job descriptions for the Police Department; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

When Councilmember Carroll questioned that the Committee was approving the 24/7 presence of the Communication Specialists/Administrative Assistant, Chair Bettelli noted that the approval was for this year; decisions for future years will be made each year in the budget process.

Councilmember Bergwerf commented that the approval of a job description is not a statement of whether or not the position needs to be filled.

Chief Buckhannon said that he sees two (2) issues, i.e. the Department needs the positions and the job descriptions as written reflect the current job duties.

Chair Bettelli concluded that, “under the present situation, this is what [the City] needs to take care of it.”

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Administrator Tucker clarified for Councilmember Carroll that the positions of Communication Specialist and Administrative Assistant are not the same.

E. Contracts in Excess of \$10,000 – None

6. Highlights of Departmental Reports

Fire Department – Chief Graham

Chief Graham reported on the type of calls personnel responded to in September as:

- Swimmers were stranded on a sandbar by a circling shark and prohibiting their return to shore; a jet ski was sent to return them to shore;
- A traumatic injury on Capers Island where personnel loaded and transported the patient to the Dewees Island helicopter landing area and took the husband to the IOP marina so he could go to the hospital;
- A report of a golf cart on fire on the golf course; fire was out when personnel arrived, but they advised owner to have the cart checked by an authorized repair facility.

In September, personnel responded to a total of sixty-six (66) calls with thirty-four (34) for EMS; four (4) pre-incident surveys were done. Several response times for Charleston County EMS were longer than preferred, but the Chief noted that Charleston County EMS has recently changed its staffing patterns, which may account for the times. Thirty-five (35) fire inspections were conducted that produced a total of one hundred fourteen (114) violations. Five (5) members of the Department completed the instructor training program.

Police Department – Chief Buckhannon

Chief Buckhannon reported that, in September, personnel responded to two (2) incidents when golf carts had been stolen and returned with serious damage. Administrator Tucker asked whether the perpetrator would receive a lesser charge for returning the golf cart, and the Chief replied that they would not. On the issue of golf carts, the Chief noted that alcohol is not allowed in them; the stop is treated as if it were a car, and the driver can be issued a DUI. Responding to the Administrator's question, Chief Buckhannon stated that one may have alcohol on the golf course while in a golf cart, but DUI can be charged anywhere in the state, including private property.

Department personnel held a "Coffee with a Cop" at Harris Teeter on Wednesday, September 10th; various topics were discussed with thirty to forty (30-40) residents and visitors. A total of four thousand seven hundred sixty-one (4,761) total calls were received by the Charleston County Dispatch for service to the Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island or the National Park Service; four thousand forty-two (4,042) calls were for the IOP Police Department. A total of three hundred sixty (360) traffic stops were made in September, and one hundred four (104) stops resulted in a ticket being issued. Forty-one (41) arrests were made in the month and again the majority was for alcohol violations. Officers responded to twenty-three (21) noise complaints; twenty (20) received warnings, two (2) were unfounded, and one (1) citation was issued.

Councilmember Carroll asked whether attitude was the basis for a warning versus a citation; the Chief responded that the issuance of a citation was more related to the time of day that the violation occurred, for instance, a warning might be issued at 10:30 p.m. or 11:00 p.m., but a citation is more likely at 3:00 a.m. Other determining factors may be whether the Department has a history with the location, and finally the attitude of the persons when officers get to the house.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 10 a.m., Thursday, November 6, 2014 in the Conference Room

Administrator Tucker mentioned to the Committee that the investigative forensics continue on the Public Safety Building, and recently three (3) cores were done related to the crack in the driveway to determine whether was some type of void underneath. The Administrator explained that coring is not an inexpensive process and is paid by the City in hopes that there will be some kind of recovery when the suit is settled. Chief Graham said that the core is only about one hundred dollars, but the core analysis is where the higher dollars occur. The Administrator noted that, since multiple cores are necessary, the cost could be in the neighborhood of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), which is not a budgeted expenditure; she added that she is hopeful that no more cores are necessary to keep the costs reasonable. She noted that typically any recovery will be a long time coming.

Councilmember Carroll stated that there are guidelines the contractor is to follow when installing a driveway.

Chief Graham said that the insulation that was dug up with the third core and the debris that was seen with the second core were not supposed to be there.

8. Executive Session – unnecessary

9. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Bergwerf moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m.; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk