Public Safety Committee
Meeting of January 4, 2010

Minutes

Members present: Larry Jeffus, Council Member – District 4, Committee Chairman
Preston Edwards, Council Member – District 3
John Willis, Council Member – District 5

Staff present: Mitch Bates, Chief of Police, Staff Liaison to PSC
Brad Neighbor, City Attorney
John Baker, Managing Director, Facilities Management
Robert Wunderlich, Managing Director, Transportation
Gene Saulters, Manager, Facilities Management
Craig Barnes, Program Supervisor, Human Resources

Chairman Larry Jeffus called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting held on December 7, 2009, were approved unanimously.

Item #2: Prohibiting Cell Phone Usage in School Zones

Chief Bates updated the Public Safety Committee (PSC) in regard to the new state law which prohibits the use of cell phones in school zones within certain provisions while permitting certain exceptions. Brad Neighbor, City Attorney, discussed the legal issues surrounding the new law recently enacted by the state legislature. Robert Wunderlich, Managing Director of Transportation, discussed the issues involved with the required implementation of new signs in school zones. The committee voted unanimously to take no further action at this time.

Item #3: Possibility of Groups or Organizations Leasing Police Vehicles

Chief Bates and City Attorney Brad Neighbor discussed the procedural and legal issues involved in leasing police vehicles to groups or organizations. The discussion was informational only. No further action was requested at this time.

Item #4: Update on Security Measures that Have Been or May Be Deployed at City Facilities (EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM)

An update was provided to the PSC by various staff members. This issue was discussed in Executive Session.

Future Items

1. Approval of minutes

2. No future agenda items were immediately identified during this meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled when needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted By: _____ on _____
Mitch Bates, Staff Liaison to PSC
Chief of Police

Approved By: _____ on _____
Larry Jeffus, Chairman
Council Member – District 4