

**Phoenix City Council
Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee
Summary Minutes
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017**

City Council Subcommittee Room
Phoenix City Hall, Assembly Rooms A, B and C
200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, Ariz.

Subcommittee Members Present

Councilman Michael Nowakowski, Chair
Councilwoman Thelda Williams
Councilwoman Laura Pastor
Vice Mayor Kate Gallego

Subcommittee Members Absent

Call to Order

Chairman Nowakowski called the Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Councilmembers Williams present.

Councilwoman Pastor and Vice Mayor Gallego attended the meeting telephonically.

Call to the Public

Citizen Ginnie Ann Summer stated the Anti-Graffiti Conference is from Feb. 24 to 25 and requested information about the permitted activities at the Central Car Show.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Jan. 11, 2017, Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee Meeting

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the Jan. 11, 2017 Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee meeting. Vice Mayor Gallego seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

2. Authorization to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into Agreements for the 2017 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Grant Programs

3. Authorization to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into Agreements for the 2017 Intellectual Property Enforcement Program Grant

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve items 2 and 3. Vice Mayor Gallego seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

4. Community Police Trust Initiative Follow Up

Councilwoman Pastor arrived to the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

City Manager Ed Zuercher introduced Executive Assistant Chief Michael Kurtenbach and Director of Police Community Affairs Marchelle Franklin to provide information about the Community Police Trust Initiative (CPTI).

Mr. Zuercher stated the CPTI was a response to national and local events in 2014 and 2015 and to increase transparency and accountability between police and the community. He stated CPTI was built upon the Police Engagement and Outreach Task Force of 2010.

Mr. Zuercher stated 15 final recommendations were presented to City Council in November 2015 and Police leadership reviewed all recommendations.

Mr. Zuercher described the action categories of the CPTI.

Councilwoman Williams thanked staff and the community for their involvement in the Community Police Trust Initiative. She also requested information about the roles and responsibilities of the Civilian Oversight Committee.

Councilwoman Pastor asked when would the Civilian Oversight Committee begin. Mr. Zuercher answered staff would provide that information at a later date.

Vice Mayor Gallego asked how would the Civil Oversight Committee impact the Civil Service Board. Mr. Zuercher stated the Civil Service Board responsibilities apply to City employees and the Civilian Oversight Committee would not infringe on action taken by the Civil Service Board.

Vice Mayor Gallego asked what is the community's role in the Civilian Oversight Committee. Mr. Zuercher answered staff would provide this information at a later date.

Chairman Nowakowski requested the Civil Service Board be a future agenda item.

Councilwoman Pastor asked if Assistant Chiefs are involved in the CPTI process. Mr. Kurtenbach answered he and Ms. Franklin have attended all the CPTI meetings and share information with commanders. Ms. Franklin stated commanders are required to attend at least two CPTI meetings.

5. Final Four Update

Commander TJ Martin introduced Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Kalkbrenner Police Commander Jeffery Alexander, and Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Lisa Jones to provide an update of Final Four activities.

Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of the partnership between the Fire and Police departments as well as the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Kalkbrenner described the Police and Fire departments involvement in providing safety at Final Four venues.

Councilwoman Williams asked what devices would be used to block cars from driving into outdoor venue spaces. Mr. Alexander answered barricades would be used to block cars from driving into outdoor venue spaces.

Chairman Nowakowski asked have communities been informed about the Final Four Concert at Margaret T. Hance Park. Mr. Alexander answered staff would place informational door hags in adjacent communities.

Chairman Nowakowski asked would the event space be fenced. Mr. Alexander answered the event would be fenced to control people entering or exiting the venue spaces.

Councilwoman Pastor asked would the event space have a crowd controlling area. Mr. Alexander answered the event space would have an overflow area to control large crowds.

Councilwoman Pastor asked would the overflow area have entertainment amenities. Mr. Alexander answered entertainment amenities in the overflow area have not been planned. Mr. Kalkbrenner noted crowds in the overflow area would be able to hear concert music.

Chairman Nowakowski stated digital information signs would be necessary to communicate with the public.

Councilwoman Williams asked would the Burton Barr Central Library be closed during the concert. Ms. Jones answered the Burton Barr Central Library would be open and the parking lot would be closed to the public and only utilized by the Police Department.

Vice Mayor Gallego stated the Fire and Police departments should inform the emergency medical transportation service providers of potential traffic conflicts due to the multiple events located in the downtown area.

Chairwoman Nowakowski stated the Fire and Police departments should communicate with the Pride Parade Group of potential traffic conflicts.

Mr. Alexander provided information about the hotels that would host student athletes. He stated the Police Department would work with and provide assistance to college security staff.

Mr. Kalkbrenner provided information about the Fire Department's plan to provide medical assistance to the downtown area.

Mr. Alexander stated the Police Department is also working with downtown businesses to provide information about Final Four Fan Fest activities.

Ms. Jones provided information about the multi-agency coordination center. She stated multi-agency coordination has established a model to address incidents and security concerns.

Deputy City Manager Milton Dohoney mentioned NCAA representatives are included in security briefings.

Chairman Nowakowski asked if there were plans to create a pedestrian area on 3rd Street. Mr. Alexander answered staff would consider 3rd Street as a pedestrian area and provide that information at a later date.

6. Police Hiring and Replacement Plan

Executive Assistant Chief Michael Kurtenbach addressed specific questions requested by City Council in regards to the Police Hiring and Replacement Plan.

Mr. Kurtenbach stated the true cost of a new police officer is approximately \$118,000 which includes salary, pension and equipment costs.

Mr. Kurtenbach stated functions performed by officers being reallocated could be performed by other civilian staff. He stated Chief Williams examined every sworn position within the organization.

Mr. Kurtenbach stated the Crime-Free Multi-Housing Officer positions are being conducted by sworn personnel as of February 20.

Mr. Kurtenbach stated the Wake-Up Grant Coordinator is responsible for administration of 28 individual grants performed by our School Resource Officers. He explained that the Wake-Up Grant Coordinator Officer is being reallocated back to patrol and a School Resource Officer Sergeant would manage COPS Hiring Grants for 15 School Resource Officers.

Mr. Kurtenbach stated positions are not being eliminated and positions in certain function are being reallocated. He described the benefits of having experienced personnel back on patrol.

Mr. Kurtenbach provided statistics of officer ratios per population from multiple municipalities. He stated based on the data and research conducted there is no information that suggests cities with higher officer ratios have lower crime rates. He

provided statistics of violent and property crimes and stated the City needed to be very cautious about correlating officer ratios to crime rates.

Chairman Nowakowski commented about the community's negative perceptions about Police response times. Mr. Kurtenbach stated the Police Department is actively hiring officers and reallocating officers back onto patrol to address these concerns.

Chairman Nowakowski requested information on citizen oversight efforts in blighted areas and hiring officers from out-of-state.

Councilwoman Pastor requested information on how many Police Officers are retiring and planned hiring in the near future.

Mr. Kurtenbach answered staff would provide this information at a later date.

Councilwoman Williams asked does the Police Department travel to military bases for in-and out-of-state recruitment. Mr. Kurtenbach answered the Police Department has had limited travel to Camp Pendleton in San Diego however traveling out-of-state for recruitment is not happening at this time.

Councilwoman Williams requested information about the cost of out-of-state travel for officer requirement efforts. Mr. Kurtenbach answered staff would provide this information at a later date.

Councilwoman Williams commented that civilian positions could carry out administrative duties within the Police Department.

Arizona Scrap Recyclers Association Representative Brittany Bingold described the association's concerns about the security and theft of scrap metal.

Vice Mayor Gallego stated the City should include the scrap metal bill on its legislative agenda.

Vice Mayor Gallego requested information on the performance of in-state and out-of-state officers. Mr. Kurtenbach stated staff could provide this information at a later date.

Chairman Nowakowski stated the Police Department needs to identify the appropriate level of personnel services to provide effective customer service to Phoenix residents. Mr. Kurtenbach answered the Police Department is striving to meet that balance between providing quality customer services and maximizing the fullest potential of civil and sworn personnel.

7. Virtual Block Watch Program

Assistant Chief Sandra Renteria provided an overview of the Virtual Block Watch Program. She described the interactive web crime map capabilities and the communities' roles and responsibilities within the program.

Councilwoman Pastor asked what type of equipment is needed to be a voluntary partner of this program. Ms. Renteria answered voluntary partners needed a standalone security camera system.

Vice Mayor Gallego suggested the Police Department to partner with large security camera companies to promote the program. Ms. Renteria answered the Police Department would work with large security camera companies.

Vice Mayor Gallego asked if the Police Department acquired the Shots-Fired Grant. Ms. Renteria answered the Police Department did not receive the grant.

8. Department Budget Update

This item was continued to the next meeting.

Call to the Public

None

Future Agenda Items

Councilwoman Williams requested information about the Chuckie Cheese gambling claim.

Adjournment

Chairman Nowakowski adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Murray
Management Intern