

Minutes
Police Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2016

A Police Committee meeting was held Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. in the Raymond Pridgen Auditorium. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Members of the Police Committee, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Committee Chairwoman Linda Schiavo, Council Member Terry Davis, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Captain Phil Mostowski, Captain Joe Graham.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Committee Chairwoman Linda Schiavo called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Committee Chairwoman Linda Schiavo stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the Police meeting scheduled for August 11, 2016.

3. Re: Hiring Personnel

Committee Chairwoman Schiavo recognized Captain Phil Mostowski. Mostowski stated Ordinance #2.4030 stated the Police Department is directly under Council or a sub committee. That means that anytime the department makes a decision it will have to go through the committee first. Mostowski stated the department would like to hire 2 employees. There is currently one position open. The position that is held by Eddie Page is open at the time due to an injury. Valerie Pittman will be going out on medical and Drake Johnson will be leaving for Highway Patrol. There is also a chance Ethan Allen may be leaving. Mostowski stated by hiring these two applicants the PD would not be short handed. The two applicants are Eric Nobles and Michael

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Haberstich. Both candidates have completed the hiring process. Hiring these two will not affect the budget. Mostowski stated the City could not compete with the salaries from Horry County or Highway Patrol. Council Member Davis asked if any of the applicants were certified. Mostowski stated Haberstich is certified and Nobles has military experience. Hudspeth stated that according to Ordinance the PD would need approval from the Committee for the Police Department to move forward with the hiring process. Schiavo made a motion to hire Haberstich and Nobles. Davis seconded the motion.

Mostowski asked for consideration from the Committee to change the ordinance so that the committee will not have to make approval for hiring employees or promoting current employees. Mostowski stated new employees would be introduced to Council. Davis asked that the committee should meet again so that Council Member Wilson could be included in making that decision. Hudspeth stated a policy could be written for approval by the committee to make those changes.

Davis stated the Police needed to interact with the schools.

Linda Schiavo
Police Committee Chair

Attest:

Felicia S. Turner
City Clerk