

Minutes
Police Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022

The special meeting of the Police Committee was held Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Chairwoman Carolyn Wilson and Members of the Police Committee, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Chairwoman Carolyn Wilson, Council Member Andre Campbell, Police Chief Michael Bethea, Captain Phil Mostowski (telephone), Lt. Justin Turner, City Clerk Felicia Sawyer-Norton.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Chairwoman Carolyn Wilson 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: Chairwoman Carolyn Wilson stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the special meeting for December 6, 2022.

3. Re: Departmental Overview (Follow-Up)

There was discussion on the following:

- Pay increases
- Recruitment and Retainment

Chairwoman Wilson recognized Chief Bethea. Chief Bethea stated there is a need for officers and what could be offered to recruit. Chief Bethea recognized Captain Mostowski. Captain Mostowski stated a meeting was held with the Sheriff's Department in regards to working nights for the City. A decision has not yet been made on that request. Captain Mostowski also made a recommendation to eliminate 2 positions from the Police Department to increase salaries for the remaining officers. The request was to give officers a \$5,000.00 pay increase as an incentive. Captain Mostowski stated the funds could come from the 2 eliminated positions and general fund.

Chairwoman Wilson commended the Police Department on their grant writing.

It is the recommendation to Council to allocate funds for the Police Department salaries.

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4. Adjournment:

Council Member Andre Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Chairwoman Wilson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Carolyn Wilson
Police Department Committee Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, City Clerk