

**Minutes
Police Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2023**

The special meeting of the Police Committee was held Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Chairman Eddie Kitchen, and Members of the Police Committee, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Chairman Eddie Kitchen, Council Members: Kindra Brewton-Pompey, Carolyn Wilson, Police Chief Michael Bethea, Captain Phil Mostowski, Lt. Justin Turner, Interim City Administrator Holly Jackson, City Clerk Felicia Sawyer-Norton.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Chairman Eddie Kitchen 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: Chairman Eddie Kitchen stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the special meeting for Thursday, February 23, 2023.

3. Re: Departmental Overview

Chairman Eddie Kitchen went over the Civility Pledge. Council Chairman Kitchen made note of the calls from Meadow Park and Johnson Street. Council Member Brewton-Pompey stated she was involved in the calls because of the property manager giving her a phone call because she lived in a different County. Captain Mostowski stated the phone call would have been transferred to the proper County.

Captain Mostowski has given all non-emergency numbers to dispatch. All after hours call are directed to 911.

Council Member Brewton-Pompey asked what things could be done to prevent some of the crimes in the City. Council Member Wilson stated she thought mindset and people's activities has a lot to do with their actions. Captain Mostowski stated districts could get involved in crime watch and the citizens should get involved.

Chief Mike Betheas stated there are two (2) patrol positions available. The Department is in the process of hiring an officer that isn't certified.

There are twelve (12) in house certified officers.

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The Police Department was given thirteen (13) portable radios. Four (4) additional were purchased.

Council Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey asked Chief Bethea what year he became Chief. Chief Bethea responded December 2011. Chief Bethea stated back in 1989 the Department was down to four (4) road officers. Two (2) worked days and one (1) worked at night.

Chairman Eddie Kitchen asked if the Chief and Captain would patrol day and they responded they do that already.

Council Member Carolyn Wilson stated Council shouldn't push away the employees that are already here.

Captain Phil Mostowski stated the doors are always open for discussion on any matter.

4. Adjournment:

Council Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Carolyn Wilson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Council Member / Police Committee Chairman
Eddie Kitchen

ATTEST:

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, City Clerk