



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
January 17, 2023
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

3:00 p.m. Chairman Ullery called the Public Safety Advisory Board to order

ROLL CALL:

Council Liaison Fred DeMoro	Present	<u>Staff Present:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Chairman Neil Ullery	Present	Fire Chief Mike Snider	Present
Vice Chairman Jim Pryde	Present	Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Present
Board Member Fred Pickard	Present	Caroline Wiggins – Fire	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Absent	Chief Travis Forbes	Present
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	Major Cary Colyne	Present
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	City Traffic Engineer	
Board Member Mark Leetch	Present	Susan Barry	Present
Board Member Randy Johnson	Present	Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Absent	Beth Murano	Present

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

No board comments.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board member Bruce Trammel motioned for approval, James Pryde seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve December minutes by Bruce Trammel, seconded by Bill Morrow. Motion carried.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control –

No issues to report.

B. Miscellaneous Issues –

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review - James Pryde

No issues to report.

D. Tow Committee –

No issues to report.

E. Traffic Safety –

No issues to report. Fred Pickard raised a traffic concern. He asked if crews are supposed to put out a cone as a warning? In his neighborhood, there have been crews for 3 weeks and there are no cones or warning. Susan said there should be. Fred said it's not the City's people, it's the contractor for the water line on 5th Terrace. Susan indicated a permit is required if they shut down a sidewalk or curb. Susan will check on it. Chairman Ullery indicated that it's happening all over.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Review of the letter in support of the stationary LPR. Chief Forbes asked for PSAB support to rescind the Ordinance (#7386) prohibiting fixed LPR. Chief Forbes is preparing to present to the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting that includes the Police Department's policy and a PowerPoint presentation. If the PSAB supports, Chief Forbes will take it in front of the committee in February. The board had no objection or edits to the letter. Chairman gives go ahead to proceed.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department – Fire Chief Mike Snider

Chief Snider recognized employee anniversaries and milestones. 12 new hires starting Jan 20. 9 of those are funded out of the Public Safety Sales Tax. 3 more will start March 20. All initial rounds and current vacancies will be filled by March 20 (barring any additional retirement/resignations). There are 13 proposed expansions for July, 12 are for the new apparatus. There is 1 more to split EMS and training from Emergency Management (Dan Manley). In the meantime, the department may lose some eligible applicants to other departments. This is expected and normal.

Communications currently has 2 vacancies. They are slowing down hiring due to training. They will re-advertise.

The remodel of Station 4 has not started; Station 5 has. Product delivery was scheduled to be Station 4 first so there will be some delays. But, dirt is moving.

No updates on apparatus.

Assistant Fire Chief Jim Eden

December had 1,142 calls for service, 84 more than November. 101 calls were citizen assist, increase was mostly turning water off (up from the usual 60-ish) for citizens who didn't know how during the severe temperatures. Calls for service total 12,106 for the year, an increase of 651 calls (5.69%). Pumper 3 was busiest with Pumper 1 slightly behind. Med 1 was busiest, followed by Med 3.

Fred DeMoro questioned if all 12 expansion employees in July are EMTs. Chief Snider indicated that 10 of the 26 in the last process were EMTs. They ended with 6 at the end of the process. There is a group of 5 internal applicants currently going through the process that will graduate soon. The current minimum manning is 13 paramedics/shift. After June, when Med 7 goes into service, the minimum will be 14. Every shift today, not counting Captains who are also paramedics, is fully staffed.

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

Police initiated calls were significantly up. That could be due to the end of COVID. They will review. Homicides this year started high, then things improved. Charges have been filed for the homicide at Sonic in Lakewood. They are juveniles so you won't see much coverage. Larcenies are up, mostly shoplifting. The plan under the Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) is to introduce a retail district to work specifically with retailers' Loss Prevention. The Crime Reduction Team currently works with Summit Fair and Summit Woods.

There is a news story coming out tomorrow regarding a stealing at Kohl's. A vehicle search resulted in recovering a trophy belonging to Len Dawson. His family hadn't seen it since the 80's.

Fatal accident numbers are down (only 2 this year).

Scott Liles was promoted to Captain and is currently in a command school with Captain Murray. This position was added with the PSST. There is an ongoing Sergeants process with 5 internal applicants. Major Nicole Walters is going to the FBI academy in January 2024.

A Records career ladder was introduced through PSST that added a Supervisor position. There has been an increase in workload mostly due to Body Worn Camera footage requests. Josh Ward is now that Supervisor.

The PSST also added 6 additional officers. In addition to the 4 prior vacancies, there are now 10. The KCPD academy starts in January.

At the February/March meeting, Chief Forbes will present regarding the bond issue that includes the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works.

Susan Barry asked about the difference between robbery, burglary and theft. Robbery is a forceable threat, burglary does not and includes break into an unoccupied home. Theft is everything else: shoplifting, breaking into cars, etc.

Bruce wondered how many Animal Control Officers are on each shift. There can be up to 3, but could be as low as 1.

Randy Johnson said the presentation on the new operation center was very well composed and asked how it was being received

Council Member Fred DeMoro indicated all of the bonds are up for the 2nd reading, which happens tonight. He expects all 3 (building, public safety, and transportation) to pass. It raises the bar for Lee's Summit with FD, PD and PW together.

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

Nothing new to report.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Board member Bill Morrow asked if there's a plan to do some CPR classes from the City. Chief Snider wasn't sure but would check.

Board member Randy Johnson asked about the Citizens' Police Academy. Chief Forbes indicated that it will now be in the Fall so as not to compete with the City's Leadership program.

Board Member Mark Leetch did a ride along on December 3rd. The Officers (Sergeant Rippey and Officer Hennig) took him on a tour that lasted about 2 hours. He did a great job and showed him everything. He recommends any new members of PSAB do something like that. Chairman Ullery will try to keep that in mind for any newcomers.

Board member Bruce Trammel asked if the PSST was prior year revenues. Council member Fred DeMoro indicated that what's collected in January is spendable in March (one month offset). It all goes into the General Fund, but we can only use PSST funds on Public Safety. Any "underspending" will go in a specific account for future expenditures.

Council member Fred DeMoro addressed the general obligation bonds. The second reading of marijuana ordinances is tonight. Related to that, there's the second reading of imposing 3% sales tax on recreational adult use (called adult use). The State imposes 6%. Medicinal stays at 4%. If it passes, it will go to voters. Board member Mark Leetch asked if 3% was consistent across the area. Beth Murano says it is. The rule was up to 3% and that's what most are asking for. Raytown has already passed at 3%. Susan Barry said she heard Greenwood is looking at 2.5% to hopefully attract Lee's Summit residents.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Fred DeMoro made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Leetch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.