

**LEGAL, LEGISLATIVE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**June 28, 2011**

Councilman Murphy, Chair, called the meeting of the Legal, Legislative and Safety Committee to order with Councilmen Rico, Benson, Gilbert, Robinson and Scott present. City Attorney Michael McMahan and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal were also present.

Others present included Dan Johnson, Daisy Madison, Bill Payne, Chief Dodd, Captain Snyder, Chief Kennedy, Ron Swafford, Larry Zehnder, Chief Parker and Richard Beeland.

Councilman Murphy inquired as to whether there were questions in reference to **Resolution (b)** regarding a donation of \$15,000 from Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation for patrol rifle mounts for 50 patrol cars.

Chief Kennedy stated this matter was brought to the department's attention from Fire House Subs which is grant money for service individuals and companies; that they have applied for this to allow for patrol rifle holders.

Councilman Murphy stated the rifle holder will keep the rifle secured behind the driver.

Chief Kennedy responded "correct"; that they had looked at several different models and are still in the process of making a determination which is the best fit.

**EDWARD BYRNE AND COPS GRANTS**

Captain Snyder stated they are applying for a grant from the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant totaling \$200,202.00; that the city's part will be \$124,264.00.

Councilman Murphy asked if the grant would be used for equipment. Captain Snyder stated if the grant is awarded it would be used for citizen outreach and crime prevention, as well as technical needs for the police department.

Captain Snyder stated the second grant is the Department of Justice COPS Grant; that they are applying for funding for 23 police officers for three years which includes salaries and benefits. She stated the city's match the fourth year totaling benefits and salaries would be \$1,491,504.

Chief Dodd stated this is the same grant they applied for last year and are trying again this year; that they have to have permission to apply and may not get it. He stated if they get it, it will offset the cost of running another academy and funding salaries and benefits for three years.

Councilwoman Scott stated she assumes every large city applies for this.

Captain Snyder responded “not every city” as some are not going to do the match or cannot (pay the match). She stated the last time they applied for the Grant they applied for 50 officers and after the request was made it came back that the majority we could have applied for was 23, so this time they are basing it on the same number of 23.

Chief Dodd stated the first year they lost to Memphis and then Nashville the year before that; that Nashville and Knoxville did not compete for it again but this is for almost five million dollars!

The meeting was adjourned.