

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 16, 2016

In Attendance

Councilman Chip Henderson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:56 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Moses Freeman, Vice Chair Jerry Mitchell and Council members Chris Anderson, Carol Berz, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem and Ken Smith. Also present was City Attorney Wade Hinton, Assistant City Attorney Melinda Foster and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell.

Others in Attendance

Police: Fred Fletcher, Chief.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes from the last meeting (March 22, 2016) were approved as published.

Presentation: Policy on Body Worn Cameras

Chief Fletcher made a presentation on the policy for the Body Worn Cameras that included the following:

- Principles that guide policy
- Process
- Beta testing of devices
- Need for Hardware and Data Storage
- Making Purchases
- Training for Officers on use of cameras
- UTC Partnership
- Final Decision making
- Legalities of proceeding with the equipment

Following his presentation there was a question and answer section that addressed the following:

- Procedure to making sure equipment isn't turned off
- Action the department will take if employee does turn off equipment
- The policy Chattanooga will have in place and wording that should be followed
- Downloading of files and potential of being hacked
- Timeframe for putting this to use
- When will the public be notified of said policy
- Vendors
- Analysis software
- Plan for engaging public before implementation
- Recordings of all encounters
- Privacy and redacting of video
- Effectiveness and value
- Resistance of employees using the equipment

- Data Stored
- Councils approval of purchase
- Relation to Audio files

Upon no further questions, comments or concerns the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.