

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 15, 2017

In Attendance

Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby Jr. Also present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Administrative Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance

Administration: Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff; Police: David Roddy, Interim Chief.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes from the last meeting (July 25, 2017) were approved as published.

Discussion with Mayor's Appointee for Chief of Police

Councilman Byrd introduced Ms. Richardson, who thanked the committee that helped with the Chief of Police selection process. She also thanked the employee advocates who assisted with the process. She informed the Council of why Chief Roddy was the Mayor's choice and presented Chief Roddy. A discussion ensued between the Council and Chief Roddy on the following topics:

- Vision
- Community Policing and what will be done different
- Employee retention
- Hiring of diverse candidates
- Moving up in the ranks
- Programs that will be continued
- Profiling Minorities
- Allegations of misconduct
- New Initiatives
- Building relationships
- Protocol for when Police arrive on the scene
- Race issues
- Lack of patrolling in certain districts
- Protocol for Domestic violence calls

Councilman Byrd thanked Chief Roddy for his time and asked him to keep his name and legacy going forward with high regard. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.