



Public Safety Tax Oversight Committee Minutes

September 19, 2024 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:59 pm by Chairperson Brad Mudd.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Chairperson Brad Mudd and members Patrick Casey, Tara Kruse, Bruce Luedeman, Erin Boatright, Donna Pittman, and Bruce Frakes.

Also present: Fire Chief Jimmy Walker, Deputy Fire Chief Kirk Stobart, Police Chief Adam Dustman, Deputy Police Chief Michelle Sumstad, Deputy Police Chief Jason Petersen, Dennea Leap and Transcriber Jennifer Schatz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 25, 2024, MEETING

A motion was made to approve minutes from June 25, 2024, meeting by member Bruce Luedeman, which was 2nd by member Bruce Frakes. All members in favor, no opposition.

UPDATE FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Project updates: Chief Walker – We have taken order of an aerial ladder truck to be delivered in January 2025. I would expect it to be here by May due to supply chain issues. We had an opportunity to act on a ladder truck which we are in dire need of. Deputy Chief Stobart and myself deferred new staff vehicles and put the money towards the higher need being an aerial truck, and we were also able to order a pumper with the funds allocated for this year.

We took delivery of a new pumper in October that was completely ready and in service assigned to pumper 6, a 1,000-gallon new pumper is now there. We are expecting two more pumpers by the end of the year and two more the next year.

There was a meeting with the station 8 design mode. When presented the budget for the proposed

station, I wanted to use the money wisely and had the firm make some modifications to better spend our dollars and make wiser decisions. There was a \$20 million dollar price tag for the storage building, training site and station. By moving the training into the storage building area, we cut the price per square foot in half. The new design drawings are being worked on and hard numbers should be available in a few weeks. The order of the stations changed from 8, 11, 5 to 8, 5, 11; station 5 is falling down. While the structural engineer says it is good for a few years, we felt we needed the station to be safe to work there and rearranged the order of the stations. The firm is looking at the current station 5 and making modifications to the land and they said the natural spring will not cause any issues to the station. Renderings are in the works for station 11.

- Member Donna Pittman asked when is the proposed date for Station 5?

Chief Walker advised once station 8 is done, we are figuring out how to best pay for it; I would imagine it will be two years before breaking ground. Station 8 may be about a year before breaking ground.

- Member Bruce Frakes asked if the GO Bond will help?

DC Stobart advised he doesn't think there is anything in the GO Bond going towards Fire.

- Member Patrick Casey asked if older vehicles are being donated or sold?

DC Stobart advised they are sent off to auction. Chief Walker advised the secondary market for fire trucks is helping with the secondary resale costs. Small departments or Central/Latin America buy old trucks and replace rigs that are upwards of 50 years old.

- Member Donna Pitman asked what percentage of calls are medical?

Chief Walker advised about 80% are medical, and it is the trend right now across the entire fire service. This is not due to a lack of other calls but rather an increased utilization of calling 911. Calls have increased in the 75-80% range over the last ten years. It is a societal problem; we are hopeful we can maintain and expand upon the ARCH program.

- Member Patrick Casey asked what staffing is looking like?

DC Stobart advised that they are currently down six staff members. Chief Walker advised he would like to get above the minimum, you want a certain amount of surplus. DC Stobart advised this is prime time to go with LAGERS.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF QUARTERLY REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The members had no further questions for the Fire Department. A motion was made by member Brad Mudd to accept the report by the Fire Department, which was seconded by member Donna Pittman. All in Favor. The IFD report was approved by all committee members.

UPDATE FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dustman brought to the members' attention the new Justice Center Design fees by Hoefler Welker approved by Council to be used by the fund balance from PST and the Use Tax. The Marijuana Use Tax will be reimbursed at some point. Because we haven't incurred it yet, the balance is much higher. On page 6 of the Sales Tax report under unassigned fund balance, it shows an overall balance of \$2.6

million.

The GO Bond Committee met last night; the Justice Center design phase is done. At the next meeting you will see more designs and layout of the campus. This will be a cross-section of the entire department and consolidate everyone into one area. This will be a campus for now and into the future.

- Member Tara Kruse asked about the new substation at the Independence Center and what the projection is and what is different?

Chief Dustman advised he hasn't seen the finished product yet but hears it is amazing. The new substation is on the bottom floor with a storefront, a training room, a good visual representation. The mall spent over \$100,000 on renovations. Sgt. Pagel was able to help design the new substation, and the mall made it happen.

Member Tara Kruse replied that everyone is scared to go out there, so more presence will be good.

- Member Bruce Frakes congratulated DC Sumstad on receiving the Susan B. Paxton award.

Chief Dustman provided another update regarding the approval of the county 911 tax. Because of this, PD will get new consoles, a complete back-up site, new headsets, and chairs.

- Member Bruce Frakes asked how the body cameras are coming along.

Chief Dustman advised that it was coming along great. We are completely deployed; our digital media officer is inundated with requests and is identifying different capabilities in the system.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF QUARTERLY REPORT FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Public Safety Sales Tax Quarterly Report with information for July 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024, and July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024, was distributed to the Committee. Refer to the attached reports for details.

Members had no further questions for the Police Department. A motion was made by member Bruce Frakes to accept the reports by the Police Department, which was seconded by member Tara Kruse. All in Favor. IPD reports were approved by all committee members.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF QUARTERLY USE TAX REPORT FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police USE Tax (Prop P) Quarterly Report with information for July 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024, and July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024, was distributed to the Committee. Refer to the attached reports for details.

Members had no further questions for the Police Department. A motion was made by member Bruce Frakes to accept the reports by the Police Department, which was seconded by member Tara Kruse. All in Favor. IPD reports were approved by all committee members.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF QUARTERLY MARIJUANA TAX REPORT FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Marijuana Sales Tax Quarterly Report with information for July 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024, and July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024, was distributed to the Committee. Refer to the attached reports for details.

Members had no further questions for the Police Department. A motion was made by member Bruce Frakes to accept the reports by the Police Department, which was seconded by member Tara Kruse. All in Favor. IPD reports were approved by all committee members.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 23, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M.

The next quarterly Public Safety Tax (PST) Oversight Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at IPD headquarters in the multi-purpose room on 1st floor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn made by member Brad Mudd, which was 2nd by member Donna Pitman. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.