

**CITY OF MONROE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
300 W. CROWELL STREET  
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA 28112  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020 – 4:00 PM  
AGENDA  
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In order to comply with the need for social distancing and to limit mass gatherings in accordance with Executive Order 176, total attendance at the meeting will be limited to ten (10) people which includes the members of the Committee and City Staff. Once total attendance reaches ten (10), no additional persons will be allowed into the meeting room.

1. Minutes of Public Safety Committee Meeting of October 19, 2020
2. Budget Amendment for Police Department Reimbursement from Union County Clerk of Court
3. Police Department K-9 Donation from Have a Heart Foundation of Union County
4. Fire Department Station 6 Staffing

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 19, 2020**

The Public Safety Committee met on October 19, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Duty Room of the Monroe Police Department.

Members Present: Chairman Marion Holloway, Council Member Freddie Gordon, Council Member Angelia James, Committee Member Gary Anderson, Committee Member Robert Jones, Committee Member Todd Price, and Committee Member Iris Sanders.

Staff Present: City Manager Larry Faison, City Attorney Mujeeb Shah-Khan, Fire Chief Ron Fowler, Police Chief Bryan Gilliard, Alice Williams, Sarah McAllister, Jim Loyd, Monique Holt, and Tim Griffin

Others Present: Charles Perry, Rich Ali, Loretta Melancon, Kathryn Dakin, Angela Chu, Michelle Ammons, Beverly Dickerson, Christina Cornwell, Janet Cornwell, Bob Yanacsek, Theresa Eaman, Marcia Stonestreet, Mary Good, and others.

Chairman Holloway called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. Chairman Holloway welcomed guests. Chairman Holloway asked for a moment of silence for former Committee Member Vann Davis. Chairman Holloway reminds everyone present that this is not a public forum.

**Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2020**

Committee Member Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of September 21, 2020. Committee Member Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 2. Ordinance to Amend Traffic Code – Chapter 75 Traffic Schedules, Schedule I, Speed Limits**

Sarah McAllister NCDOT reached out after they completed a traffic study on Rocky River Road from Highway 74 to the northern corporate limits. They had a request to lower the speed limit. They did determine that the 45 mph currently posted is the correct speed limit. They did not find an ordinance when they were doing the study, so they need an ordinance from us that we maintain our own traffic schedule and they have one as well. Firstly, it's currently shown in our ordinance as 55 mph, so we are asking the Committee to correct it to accurately reflect the posted speed limit and they are also asking for a municipal declaration from us. Secondly, we noticed there was a section of Sutherland Avenue that was included in the State maintained list and it needs to be under the City maintained list.

This is a three-part recommendation – amend the Rocky River Road speed limit, amend the Sutherland Avenue to get it to the correct location and then authorization from the City Clerk to be able to execute the municipal declaration. Committee Member Anderson made a motion to approve all three recommendations. Committee Member Price seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 3. Acceptance of County Funding**

Fire Chief Fowler presented for recommendation to Committee to accept county funding of \$35,000 and allocate it to the Fire Department for uses of Swift Water Rescue Team and Hazardous Material Response Team. The goal of the Fire Department is to become a State Certified Team, known as a Type 2 Swift Water Rescue Team. Committee Member Anderson made a motion to approve. Committee Member Price seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 4. Fire Department Performance Gaps**

Fire Chief Fowler and Deputy Chief Collins presented a PowerPoint to Committee showing the performance gaps identified by the Fire Department. During this presentation information was presented about the current response time performance within the service gap areas and also presented information pertaining to developments and annexations both current and proposed that will have a continued impact on response times citywide. This was for informational and discussion purposes by the Committee.

### **Item 5. Animal Control**

Police Chief Gilliard along with Lieutenant Holt and Animal Control Officer Tim Griffin gave an overview of what the Police Department does in the City for our residents and the animals that are impacted by different actions.

Chairman Holloway stated that we appreciate everyone's interest and coming out to make Monroe the best city she can be. He understands there is a movement underway to form a Citizen's Committee to look into ways to advocate for our four-legged friends not receiving the care they deserve. He asked they the committee come forward with concerns and recommendations they may have after the Committee meets and give them to Chief Gilliard. The Chief will then present them to the Committee for a decision to be made to carry it forward to Council for action or not.

Comment from Bob Yanacsek: Everyone agrees that we could do much better. Since we are the County Seat, I think we could step up and lead by example. It's been too long without any changes. Rescues continue to go to the same houses year after year to administer help/assistance. The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of neglect/abuse/cruelty cases.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Committee Member Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Gordon seconded the motion which passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Williams



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** City Council

**VIA:** E.L. Faison, City Manager

**DATE:** November 16, 2020

**FROM:** J. Bryan Gilliard, Chief of Police

**PREPARED BY:** Angie Rangolan

**SUBJECT:** Budget Amendment for Court Ordered Restitution Payment

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### **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The Police Department seeks to accept reimbursement from the Union County Clerk of Court in the amount of \$93 and requests a budget amendment to designate and appropriate said funds.

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### **REVIEW**

Reimbursement has been received from the Union County Clerk of Court in the amount of \$93 for restitution connected to charges filed by the Monroe Police Department. The Police Department is requesting that the reimbursements be designated to the overtime budget for the Police Department.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend that City Council adopt a Budget Amendment accepting the reimbursement and appropriating and designating the funds.

Attachment: Budget Amendment BA-2020-30

**BUDGET AMENDMENT  
BA-2020-30**

1. Amendment necessary to designate and appropriate funds received from the Union County Clerk of Court for the Police Department overtime budget.

General Fund:

Revenues:

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Miscellaneous | \$93 |
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Expenditures:

|               |      |
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| Public Safety | \$93 |
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Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020.

Attest:

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Bobby G. Kilgore, Mayor

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Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Public Safety Committee  
**VIA:** E.L. Faison, City Manager  
**DATE:** November 16, 2020  
**FROM:** J. Bryan Gilliard, Chief of Police  
**PREPARED BY:** Angie Rangolan  
**SUBJECT:** K-9 DONATION

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### **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Staff requests approval to accept the K-9 donation made by Have a Heart Foundation of Union County.

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### **REVIEW**

Staff have the opportunity to accept the donation of a K-9 who will work with the Monroe Police Department to work to assist in the execution of certain duties, including drug detection, article detection, cadaver location, pursuit and apprehension of suspects and explosive identification. This K-9 is being donated at no cost to the Monroe Police Department.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff requests approval from the Public Safety Committee to accept this donation and forward to the full Council for approval.



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Public Safety Committee

**VIA:** E.L. Faison, City Manager

**DATE:** November 16, 2020

**FROM:** Ronald D. Fowler, Fire Chief

**PREPARED BY:** Alice Williams, Administrative Assistant

**SUBJECT:** Fire Station 6 Staffing

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### **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Discussion on Fire Station 6 staffing.

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### **REVIEW**

Following a request from Council Member James, Mayor Pro Tem/Public Safety Chair Holloway has requested that Fire Station 6 staffing be added to the agenda.

Staff will provide information on staffing needs for Fire Station 6 along with a recommended plan on meeting these needs.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and recommendation by the Public Safety Committee as the Committee deems appropriate.