

POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 21, 1999

The Police Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on October 21, 1999 at 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Pat Pomeroy, Chairman
Bill Jaffa

COMMITTEE ABSENT

John Giles

COUNCIL PRESENT

Keno Hawker

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Jan Amdahl
Linda Crocker
Dennis Donna
Mike Hutchinson
Ron Poulin
Jan Strauss
Mike Whalen
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Others

Chairman Pomeroy excused Committeemember Giles from the meeting.

1. Discuss and consider police projects proposed for the Spring 2000 bond election.

Police Chief Jan Strauss began the presentation by stating that staff will begin with item number six, since the Police Department currently has bond authorization remaining for items 1 through 5. Chief Strauss introduced Assistant Police Chief Mike Whalen and Assistant Police Chief Ron Poulin to the members of the Committee and said that they will present information on the various projects that are being proposed by the Department.

Chief Whalen discussed staff's proposal to purchase a card access, video security and monitoring system for the main headquarters of the Police building. Chief Whalen explained that the construction is currently underway on a two-story substation and parking garage located next to the building and noted that as part of the contract, card access and video monitoring systems will be installed. Chief Whalen said that approval of this proposal will allow the main headquarters' station to be brought on line for a complete card access monitoring system and discussed the importance of implementing this system.

Chief Whalen also discussed staff's proposal to building an additional target system next to the existing range in addition to classrooms and storage facilities for records and training materials. Chief Whalen expressed the opinion that the added system will meet the firearm training needs of the Department for the next ten to fifteen years.

Discussion ensued relative to staff's proposal to begin the process of creating a public safety training facility by developing a multi-classroom complex and their intention to continue to develop the project in phases over a number of years, a proposal to acquire a permanent facility for the Center Against Violence rather than continue leasing space, relocating/constructing the Falcon Substation at a new site that is more centrally located, proposed uses for the Falcon Substation, including relocating the Patrol and Special Investigations Unit to that location, a proposal to expand the impound lot from an 80-car capacity to a 220-car capacity and the possibility of adding more "decks" in the future to expand capacity, a proposal to remodel the basement and second floor of the Police Headquarters building, the Phase II addition of the Central Patrol District, and a proposed Police/Court "sharing" of an expanded City Court parking garage.

Assistant to the City Manager Bryan Raines addressed the Committee relative to a proposal to cover the cost of the full implementation of the 800 Megahertz system.

Chief Strauss informed the members of the Committee that she has entered into conversation with the Fire Chiefs of Chandler, Scottsdale, and Tempe relative to the possibility of developing a regional jail.

Additional discussion ensued relative to future police station needs and potential sites and the importance of meeting the growing demands of the community.

Chairman Pomeroy thanked staff for their presentation.

2. Hear/see a "City Watch" presentation.

Chief Strauss introduced Commander Dennis Donna who viewed a brief video explaining the "City Watch" software program that was approved at the October 18, 1999 Council Meeting. Commander Donna explained that the software is the culmination of a decade long search for the appropriate product that will meet the needs of the Department. Commander Donna stated that "City Watch" is a very comprehensive package which allows the Police Department to establish call lists to notify personnel who are needed at work for emergencies, such as severe storms, rather than having to manually call each person. Commander Donna stated that installation of this software package is scheduled for the latter part of November.

Chief Strauss expressed appreciation to the members of the Committee and to the City Council for their support and stated the opinion that the software will have a positive impact on the Department's efforts to stay in touch with our citizens. Chief Strauss also informed the Committee that the software will be utilized in sex crime identification cases and spoke in support of the benefits that this will result in.

Chairman Pomeroy thanked staff for their presentations.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Police Committee adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Police Committee Meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 21st day of October, 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1999

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK