

City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401*



Standing Committee Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2016

5:00 PM

**Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers**

Public Safety Committee

1. Call To Order

Chairwoman Finlayson called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderwoman Pindell Charles

2. Business before Committee

Approval of Minutes

[PSC041816](#) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting

Attachments: [PS04.18.16.PDF](#)

Alderman Paone moved to approve. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderwoman Pindell Charles

3. General Discussion

[ID-243-16](#) General Updates- OEM

Deputy Fire Chief Simmons and was present and gave an update on the discussion topic and spoke on the Active Shooter Exercise scheduled on Wednesday May 18, 2016 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon at St. John's College, Street Closing, simulated gun fire and community notification of the exercise and answered questions from the committee.

This Informational Item was presented

[ID-244-16](#) Briefing: Fire Department Officer Professional Development

Deputy Fire Chief Simmons and Firefighter First Class Truesdale gave a joint presentation on the discussion topic and spoke on Group Team Building, Collaboration, How to Manage Diversity, Human Resource Strategies, group project to be completed by the 33 Firefighter First Class going through the program, Duties of Fire Fighter First Class, continued education in Fire Behavior, Rescue Operations, Emergency Management Services (EMS) Protocols and answered questions from the committee.

This Informational Item was presented

[ID-229-16](#) Introduction of HACA's New Security Officer- Mr. Michael Brown

Melvin Colbert, Executive Director, 1217 Madison Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing the Housing Authority City of Annapolis introduced to the committee HACA's new Security Officer Michael Brown Sr., who spoke on his approach to the new position, current policing style, Implementation of new parking initiative on HACA property and support from the council on ways to improve the community.

This Informational Item was presented

[ID-228-16](#) Metro Crime Stopper- APD

Police Chief Pristoop and Lt. Lowe gave a joint presentation on the discussion topic and spoke on open and unsolved crime, Partnership with Metro Crime Stoppers, expanding the types of crime covered under programs, increasing rewards amounts, providing anonymous information to Metro Crime Stoppers network, private funding for the program, advertising for Metro Crime Stoppers and answered questions from the committee.

This Informational Item was presented

Alderman Arnett was present and spoke on the positive outlook of this program in ward 8.

[ID-246-16](#)

Eastport Update- APD

Police Chief Pristoop and Cpl. Truitt gave a joint update on the discussion topic and spoke on multiple discharge of firearm incident in the eastport community, increasing police visibility, using discretionary resources, the use of overtime, the installation of camera's on President Street, camera project completion date of May 27, 2016, camera technology, cloud based recording service for camera's, project cost \$19, 000. for camera installation & layout, LED lighting in the use of camera's, rapidly changing technology, Pan- Tilt- Zoom (PTZ) Camera's vs. Fixed Camera's, information network hub, Eastport Terrace phase two project and sub-stations value and challenges.

This Informational Item was presented

Alderman Arnett was present and spoke on the police response to residents concerns.

[ID-248-16](#)

General Discussion

Planning and Zoning Director Gutwald was present and spoke on the 3.2 police to population ratio/response time and answered questions from the committee. Carl Snowden, Jackie Allsup, Lt. Robert Beans, and William Rowel representing the Caucus of African American Leaders were present and spoke on concerns of inequitable treatment of some residents, the Caucus recommendations, Body Cams, Socioeconomic Divide, policing in the city, the need for short term, intermediate and long term strategy, the lack of transparency and the importance of community trust in the police department. City Attorney Leahy, Assistant Attorney Elson, Assistant Attorney Berger and Police Chief Pristoop were also present and addressed the concerns outlined by the caucus, Assistant City Attorney Elson tenure with the city and answered questions from the committee.

The Public Safety Committee Meeting went into Recess at 7:10 p.m.

The Public Safety Committee Meeting Reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

This Informational Item was presented

Alderman Kirby was present and spoke on the status of a pending lawsuit.

4. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Cyndi Gaines

City Council Associate