

COMMITTEE: Police and ESDA Committee

DATE: December 10, 2007

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Russ Gilmour, Floyd Combes, Joe Hermes, Jonathan Mietzner
(5:32pm)

ABSENT: Frank Studer

NON-MEMBERS

PRESENT: Sheryl Puracchio City Administrator, Robin Theobald Director
of Finance, Chief Evans, Members of the Press – Pam Monson

Alderman Hermes made a motion and Alderman Gilmour seconded to **open the Police & ESDA Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.** All yes. Motion passed.

Alderman Combes made a motion and Alderman Gilmour seconded to **approve the November 12, 2007 minutes as written and placed on file.** All yes. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION: Part-Time Dispatcher

ACTION: Chief Evans stated that the station is short one part-time dispatcher. Chief Evans' original plan was to not fill the recently vacated part-time dispatcher position but is finding there is a great need to hire someone and recommends Joshua Bolatto to fill the position. The committee agreed that the decision to hire Mr. Bolatto will come to vote by council at the December 18, 2007 meeting.

DISCUSSION: Switch in Shift Personnel

ACTION: The officers recently completed the mandatory annual shift picks. Sergeant Plotts will be going to afternoons and Sergeant Juster, along with Officer Keibles, Officer Wager, and Officer Soucie going to midnights effective January 1, 2008.

DISCUSSION: Ridge Request

ACTION: Administrator Puracchio wanted to update the committee that the impact study shows the Police Department and Fire Department will be affected most by the RidgePort Logistics development.

Therefore the city has requested eight full-time officers (two per shift), along with a sub-station and squad cars at first phase. Administrator Puracchio mentioned that there are a couple of options on how this operation will be paid for. For example a Home Owners Association for Commercial Business rather than a TIFF could be put in place.

DISCUSSION: Chief of Police Search

ACTION: Upon review of the qualifications for Chief of Police the committee requested the education requirements to state “bachelor’s degree in criminal justice or a related field, or have attended an accredited staff and command school”. Administrator Puracchio will post the opening in newspapers and municipal magazines such as IML with a February 28, 2008 deadline for submitting resumes. Administrator Puracchio, committee members, and Mayor Strong will be reviewing the applicants and conducting interviews. The committee is hoping to have the new Chief onboard by mid March for in-depth training with Chief Evans for at least two months.

Alderman Combes made a motion and Alderman Hermes seconded to **adjourn at 5:46pm**. All yes. Motion passed.