

BOWIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE!



Minutes of the October 26, 2022 (Virtual Meeting)

Meeting called to order: 7:33 pm by the Chair

Attendance:

Del Billings, Chair
Jill Hochman, Vice Chair
Langston Clay, Member

Ad Hoc Members

Deputy Chief Preston, BPD
Deputy Chief Jonathan Howard, BVFD

Excused:

Bill Grayson, Member
Bill Healy, Member
Ronnie Gill, Member
Jackie Rhone, Member
Jeffrey Cooper, Member

Approval of September Minutes: Due to a lack of a quorum, approval of the October Minutes was postponed until the November meeting.

Reports:

City Council-Council Member Ingrid Harrison

- PSC Chair congratulated City Council Member Harrison on her election to the County Council
- Discussed new Speed Camera law recently passed by the State
 - Questions on the law
 - RFP regarding vendor, pricing, fees, etc.
 - Anticipated new vendor selected in early 2023
 - Placement beyond school zones and whether those in school zones could be active 24/7

Bowie Volunteer Fire Department- Deputy Chief Howard

- New ambulance at Co. 39 contract is still in process
- Tower 39 still OOS due to waterway issue
- Engine 19 in the shop due to the accident last year
- Chief Havens is continuing to work on Staffing Plan for the Department
 - Need active members to provide service on a routine basis
- County is considering placing a tanker at Co. 43 again
- Personnel updates:
 - 2021—73 participated in Orientation Briefings; 45 went to background checks; 37 took physicals and 29 became members (pending successful training). National Registry Certification is now required for EMTs .

- 2022 thru June – 2 Orientation briefings; 6 went to background checks; 3 took physicals; 1 new member
- Santa Rides to begin December 4, schedule will be published probably on a weekly basis

City Resolution R-50-22 Presentation – Ms. Carolyn Pfifer

- Provided an overview of the updated Resolution for all Committees
- Authorizes a Youth Member on all committees
- Need to work with the Communication Department for all external communications
- Notice of Meeting with Agenda must be posted at least 72 hours prior to Meeting
- Potential members would be reviewed by the Committee Chair and Liaison with a recommendation for appointment

Police Department Report – Deputy Chief Dwayne Preston

- Juvenile male was arrested at Bowie High School
 - Law requires representation
 - Parent cannot waive that right
 - Can not question individual without representation
- Strategic Plan
 - Is being finalized, plan to have final version presented to the City Manager soon
 - Possible recommendation of an additional 15 Officers over the next 5 years
 - Need to address recruitment and retention funding
- BPD currently has 9 vacancies
- Shop with a Cop is scheduled for December 11 and will be conducted in person at Target

Bowie Public Safety Committee

- The PSC now has 1 vacancy
- Discussion of the Strategic Plan
- Initial discussion of goals/ direction/ideas on operation of the PSC

Next meeting: December 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm (virtual meeting)

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.