



City of Marietta

205 Lawrence Street
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Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL MEETING

Reggie Copeland, Chairman
Johnny Walker as Vice Chair
Cheryl Richardson

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

3:30 PM

4th Floor Conference Room
205 Lawrence Street Marietta, GA

Presiding: Reggie Copeland
Present: Cheryl Richardson
Absent: Johnny Walker

Also Present:
Joseph R. Goldstein, Council - Ward 7
Bill Bruton, City Manager
Daniel White, Assistant City Attorney
Yvonne Williams, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Copeland called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Chairman Copeland called upon Dr. James Douglas Childress to give the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone was asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS:

20180395 Quality Affordable Housing

Discussion of quality affordable housing for Public Safety personnel.

Discussion was held regarding quality workforce affordable housing in Marietta. The housing would be marketed specifically to government workers, public safety

employees, teachers etc, making less than \$50,000 per year. This would allow employees to live close to their place of employment.

Discussed

20180396 Salaries for Public Safety Personnel

Discussion of Salaries for Public Safety Personnel in comparison to other cities like Dunwoody, Roswell, Alpharetta, Buckhead and Milton.

Discussed

20180397 Grant Money

Discussion of Grant Money received in the amount of \$100,000 requesting a portion to be utilized for Public Safety survey related to quality workforce affordable housing.

City Manager Bill Bruton gave an update on various grants due to be awarded in the near future. An example of which are CDBG funds that may be used as down payment assistance and a planning grant for the downtown core.

Discussed

20180398 Updates from Fire Chief, School Superintendent, Police Chief & School Board Member of Ward 5

Chief Rackley speaks on Fire updates and mass casualties' response.

Dr. Grant Rivera speaks on State of the Schools, listing of the current schools with resource officers and schools currently without resource officers. Success of walkout from students related to school shootings.

Chief Flynn speaks on school security.

Angela Orange speaks on updates of new initiatives.

Updates Given

20180403 Councilmen Johnny Walker & Councilwoman Cheryl Richardson

Discussion with Councilmen Johnny Walker & Councilwoman Cheryl Richardson

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Marietta Safe Schools Ordinance. Concern was expressed that the ordinance didn't go far enough to assist the school system with school safety.

A motion was made by Council member Copeland, seconded by Council member Richardson, to table the Marietta Safe Schools Ordinance until the April 24 Public Safety Committee meeting to allow for more collaboration between the Fire and Police Departments, School Superintendent, along with the Public Safety Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 2 – 0 – 0 Approved

20180400 Budget

Discussion of Budget Items for Public Safety.

Discussion was held regarding of budget items for Public Safety.

A motion was made by Council Copeland, seconded by Council member Richardson, to hold a joint meeting between the Fire and Police Departments, School Superintendent, along with the Public Safety and Finance Committees, to discuss budget issues for the upcoming year. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 2 – 0 – 0 Approved

20180401 Meeting Dates

April 7th - Gun Safety Public Citizens Forum 10am-12pm 205 Lawrence St
Council Chambers

April 11th - Ribbon cutting for New Fire Station on Sawyer Road-4:30pm

April 26th - Ward 5 Town Hall Meeting- Zion Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
6:30pm 165 Lemon Street Marietta, GA

Everyone was invited to attend the upcoming events.

Discussed

20180402 Goals and Expectations for Effectiveness

Communication of what works best.

Discussion was held regarding the goals and expectations for effectiveness, such as more direct communication.

A motion was made by Council Copeland, seconded by Council member Richardson, that any item, conference, event, conversation, etc., related to public safety be brought to the attention of Public Safety Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 2 – 0 – 0 Approved

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Guy, City Clerk

Approved: _____