

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

June 13, 2017

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### **In Attendance**

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Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell, Council Vice-Chair Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby. Also present were Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Administrative Support Specialist.

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### **Others in Attendance**

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Fire: William Matlock, Marshall, and Ricky Boatwright, Burn Coordinator

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Henderson** and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes from the last meeting (January 3, 2017) were approved as published.

### **Next Week's Agenda: June 20, 2017**

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### **Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A, 6B, 6C & 6D**

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Item 6A---Mr. Matlock briefed the Council on the ordinance, who it applies to and the changes that are coming per the State. He explained in response to Vice-Chairman Smith the type of changes for the businesses covered and any major changes from what is already in place. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Cancer Risks in Fire Fighters**

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Jack Thompson, President of the Chattanooga Fire Association, made a PowerPoint presentation on the cancer risks in fire fighters. His presentation included information on the following:

- What is the Personal protective equipment
- Risk by the numbers
- Types of cancers
- Infiltration study
- Overlap areas
- High areas of contact
- Injuries received
- Skin absorption facts
- Current steps taken – health wise
- Benefits of 2<sup>nd</sup> set of PPE

A discussion ensued, with Mr. Thompson responding to questions from the Council on the following topics:

- Cost and items purchased (Councilman Henderson)
- Compliance and the negligence in not providing this gear (Councilwoman Berz)
- Hazardous calls (Councilman Ledford)
- Average age of current gear (Councilman Ledford)
- How gear is made for a specific individual (Councilwoman Berz)
- Cleaning gear (Councilwoman Berz)
- Details on the person on the presentation and what he experienced (Councilman Oglesby)

Councilman Gilbert discussed how his brother being a fire fighter gave him insight on the nature of their work and needs. Vice-Chairman Smith expressed how happy and thankful he was for the presentation and acknowledged the bravery of what fire fighters do and the difficulty of their job.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.