

Lancaster County Council Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

County Council Conference Room
Council Administration Building
100 N. Main Street
Lancaster, SC 29720

1. **Call to Order – Committee Chair Steve Harper** 8:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of the agenda** *[deletions and additions of non-substantive matters]*
3. **Minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting – pgs. 2-5**
4. **Citizens Comments**
5. **Discussion / Action Items**
 - a. Review of departmental budget requests for FY 2016-2017. *Steve Willis*
6. **Adjournment**

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Members of Lancaster County Council
Public Safety Committee

Steve Harper District 5, Chairman
Bob Bundy, District 3
Larry McCullough, District 1

Minutes of the Lancaster County Council Public Safety Committee Meeting

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101 N. Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Council Members present were Steve Harper, Larry McCullough and Bob Bundy. Also present was Steve Willis, Debbie Hardin, John Weaver, various Department Heads and spectators. A quorum of the Lancaster County Public Safety Committee was present for the meeting.

The following press was notified of the meeting by e-mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: Lancaster News, Kershaw News Era, The Rock Hill Herald, Fort Mill Times, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local Government Channel. The agenda was also posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building the required length of time and on the county website.

Call to Order

Chairman Steve Harper called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of the agenda

Larry McCullough moved to approve the agenda as written. Passed 3-0.

Minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting

Larry McCullough moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting. Passed 3-0.

Citizens Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

Discussion / Action Items

Possible Noise Ordinance

Steve Willis discussed that he is working with Doug Barfield to draft a noise ordinance revision for Councils consideration. Greenville County has a provision exempting businesses, except those where alcoholic beverages are consumed on the premises from their noise ordinance.

Councilman McCullough inquired as to why this was brought up as an item on the agenda. Mr. Willis stated because of complaints and the current noise ordinance in the UDO is unenforceable as written.

Mr. Willis will bring a proposed ordinance to the February meeting for the Committee to review.

Grant position and Worthless Check Unit

Randy Newman, Solicitor, spoke to the Committee about starting a Worthless Check Unit. This unit would divert issues from the Magistrate Court and will not cost businesses anything.

Larry McCullough moved to recommend favorably to full Council. Passed 3-0.

Solicitor Newman discussed the Victims Advocate awarded grant position that is funded through the Solicitor's Office. This grant is for one year only. The Solicitor will apply for the grant each year; however, he is asking the County to consider funding the position should the grant not be awarded. He brought this to the Committee as information only at this time.

Purchase of patrol rifles

Sheriff Barry Faile discussed the need to purchase patrol rifles. He stated that there are currently 53 in use at the agency. He is requesting the purchase of an additional 58 rifles, which will approximately cost \$50,000 for the rifles and \$6,800 for training and ammunition. The Sheriff distributed the following breakdown by department:

Dept. 110:

25 Rifles \$21,250

Ammunition: \$3,000

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Dept. 112 (Judicial)
18 Rifles \$15,300
Ammunition: \$2,100

District 1:
15 Rifles \$12,750
Ammunition: \$1,700

Steve Willis offered the following avenues for funding:

- Department 110 – Sheriff's Budget / General Fund
- Department 112 – Capital Project Sales Tax
- District 1 - Development Agreement monies

Steve Harper moved to recommend that we take Department 112 (Judicial) out of the Capital Project Sales Tax #1 funds and District 1 out of the Development Agreement funds and take the remaining out of fund balance. The motion failed by a vote of 1-2. Steve Harper voted in favor of the motion. Larry McCullough and Bob Bundy opposed the motion.

Bob Bundy moved to recommend to full Council funding Department 112 out of the Capital Project Sales Tax #1 funds and District 1 out of the Development Agreement funds. Passed 2-1. Larry McCullough opposed.

The Committee requested a topic regarding the plan of suggested uses for the development agreement funds be placed on the next committee meeting for discussion.

Councilman McCullough requested that items on this master plan be discussed by the entire public safety leadership so that the information coming back to the Committee members would be a collective reflection of the overall desire of the division instead of asking the Committee to consolidate the list.

Councilman McCullough would also like to add to the I&R Committee a discussion regarding the future of Development Agreements.

Chris Nunnery, Public Safety Communications Director, discussed how the unknowns in the budget can cause overages and issues and asked about having a contingency fund that would allow for unknowns to be handled outside of a budget amendment.

Kimberly Hill, Budget Analyst, discussed that she and Veronica Thompson were looking at creating a special account for such unknowns. Ms. Hill discussed that a contingency funds have specific uses.

Adjournment

Bob Bundy moved to adjourn. Passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by the Public Safety Committee

Debbie C. Hardin
Clerk to Council

Steve Harper, Chairman

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