

City Council Committee Reports for 2024

Date: April 22, 2024 Recorder: McCauley

Public Works & Safety Committee

Councillors Attending		Others Attending	Address
James McCauley	<i>m</i>	<i>Chief Bradbury</i>	<i>NFD</i>
Jennie Donahue	<i>m</i>	<i>Wayne Amaral</i>	<i>Dir DPS</i>
Heath Granas	<i>m</i>		
Byron J. Lane		<i>Paul Suozzo</i>	<i>W/S</i>
Ed Cameron			
Heather L. Shand			
Afroz Khan			
Connie Preston			
Ben Harmon			
Sharif I. Zeid			
Mark Wright			

AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION TAKEN

<i>Approval of Previous Minutes</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>APPT 486 4-8-24 Police Marshal Screening Committee</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>ORDR 559 4-8-24 Police Marshal Committee Order</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>APPT 485 4-8-24 Paul Suozzo to W/S reappointment</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>ODNC 168 4-8-24 Handicap Spaces</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>GUEST: Chief Bradbury, NFD</i>	

Recording

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Agenda Items

Chair Cllr McCauley, Cllr Donahue, Cllr Granas

***Approval of Previous Minutes: from 4/1/24
Committee: Approve 3-0***

***ORDR 559 Police Marshal Committee Order
APPT 486 Police Marshal Screening Committee***

Marshal Murray is retiring, and a new Police Marshal is sought. Per Code Section 2-316(a)(2) a screening committee is to be established to begin work on a search within 30 days. The APPT is to fill the committee with 9 nominee's from the Mayor.

No Public Comment

Committee: Vote 3-0 to Approve

APPT 485 Paul Suozzo to the W/S commission (reappointment)

Paul joined us to give an overview of his background, and a review of his prior time on the commission. He sees multiple challenges and has enjoyed the discussions regarding FAS, redundancy in the water supply. Acknowledges that there are high cost items, hopes they can fund via rates. Conscience of rates being too high.

Public Comment: Wayne Amaral, Dir DPS. Has enjoyed working with Paul on the W/S Commission, recommends his reappointment.

.Committee: Vote to Approve 3-0

ODNC168 Handicap Spaces

Amend existing Ordinance to align language with MGL on public private enforcement of HP spots. There was a feeling that there was a "gray" area about enforcement of HP parking violations on private plots. This language upgraded the language in the City ORDN to align with the MGL details.

(MGL ch22, sec 13 a)

Public Comment: None

Committee: Vote 3-0

Guest: Chief Bradbury from NFD

Chief visited us and updated the committee on trends in his department.

Big increase in calls...over 3100 calls...1327 fires (+5%), 2141 medical (+6%), 700 inspections, 319 permits. All staff within 1 bldg. There is an increase in response times, but 90% within targets.

Station 2 on target for Sept/Oct. New alarm system going in to link the 2 stations.

Fireboat arriving Nov 2024.

Record Keeping...new software program that will list out the inventory of buildings, locations within buildings during emergencies. Helps scheduling, IPAD permits, there will be a resident section (optional) for those that want to have pertinent info listed in case of emergency. Multi-year project for data inputs, being done by staff.

Four new call fire fights...will attend academy in Fall 24.

Seeking funding (via grant) for SCBA replacements. These are air tanks and have a 12 yr lifecycle...we are at the end.

Traded in an ARGO off road vehicle for a UTV...this was via a grant from Seabrook station. A UTV is more flexible for our needs than the ARGO unit.

Ambulance response times are all good. Staffing from vendor no longer a concern.

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Adjourn.