

NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 3:00 P.M. Meeting
County Council Conference Room

This meeting of the Public Safety Committee was also taped. The tape is incorporated herein by reference and is available by contacting the Legislative Aide to the Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

MINUTES

1. Call to order
 - Meeting commenced at approximately 3:07pm
 - Chairman Bell Recognized members of Council present:
Council President Paul Clark, Council members Joseph Reda, William Tansey, Penrose Hollins, Lisa Diller, William Powers, George Smiley, John Cartier, and David Tackett.
2. Adoption of November 10, 2009 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes, motion to accept the minutes made by Councilman Smiley seconded by Councilman Reda and unanimously accepted by Council.
3. Chairman Bell recognizes Chief of Emergency Communications Dave Roberts to provide briefing on Communications employee career development plan. Helen McKinley from Human Resources provided input. Followed by question and answer session with members of Council. Comments also from Ken Dunn Union representative.
4. Kristen Dwyer of Executive Office provides briefing on Animal Control legislation. Councilman Smiley makes motion to have Executive office pursue legislation for animal control, motion was seconded by Council President Clark and approved unanimously by members of Council. Followed by question and answer session with members of Council.
5. Other: President Clark speaks with Chairman Bell regarding Animal Care and Control advisory board. Councilman Tackett inquires about speed devices for the police, Chief of NCCPD Major McGowan responds. Chairman Bell comments regarding the hiring process for the Chief of Police Vacancy. President Clark inquires about having a Council representative on the hiring board. Councilman Tansey asks why the search was not made nationwide as done previously. Chairman Bell comments on the quality leadership already in place in the NCCPD. Chief Administrative Officer Gregory states that the police department has plenty of qualified people within the department and it is more economically beneficial to start search internally. Chief Human

Resources Manager Lynne Howard states that there are ten qualified candidates available internally. Followed by comments from other members of Council.

6. Public Comment: Ken Dunn comments on the EMS focus group that was established.
7. Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Smiley and Seconded by Councilman Tackett, approved by Council at 3:47pm.