

City of Montgomery
Government Affairs Committee
September 9, 2024

Staff Present

Brian Riblet
John Crowell-Police Chief
Paul Wright-Fire Chief
Connie Gaylor

Council Committee Members Present

Chris Dobrozsi, Chair
Catherine Mills-Reynolds
Sasha Naiman

The meeting of the Government Affairs Committee of City Council convened in Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m., with Mr. Dobrozsi presiding.

Fire Department Surplus

Fire Chief Wright explained that the listed firefighting turnout gear is of no use to the department due to the age or condition of the equipment and is requested to be designated as surplus by the Government Affairs Committee of City Council. He added that, if approved, staff would like to donate the items to Cincy4Ukraine where they take used equipment and utilize it in Ukraine where they have limited resources and work to support fire departments in the country.

Mr. Dobrozsi asked who determined the expiration dates.

Chief Wright explained that the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) set the standards and guidelines and that is what manufacturers follow.

Mr. Riblet stated that it was at a Diversity & Inclusion Commission presentation that the representative from Cincy4Ukraine discussed the need for the equipment.

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to declare the equipment surplus and approve the donation to Cincy4Ukraine. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Police Department Surplus

Police Chief Crowell explained that he is requesting a 2017 Ford Explorer that was used as the K9 unit be declared as surplus and sold on auction on GovDeals.com. He explained that the vehicle still has old K9 equipment in it but has significant mechanical issues. He stated that as the City no longer had the K9 unit, it would not be replaced with a similar vehicle.

Mrs. Naiman moved to declare the 2017 Ford Explorer as surplus to be sold on auction on GovDeals.com. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Wildlife Management Policy Discussion

Mr. Riblet explained that upon a request for the City's position on the control of the deer population that staff conducted a review of the 2014 Deer Control position paper as well as wildlife overall. He thanked Chief Crowell for taking the lead in the review and update of the paper and creating the Wildlife Management policy presented to the Committee.

Mrs. Naiman asked if there were substantive changes.

Chief Crowell replied that the changes were mostly to include language regarding coyotes and to update outdated links or resource information.

Mrs. Mills-Reynolds stated that she thought it was well done and thanked Chief Crowell for his thorough research.

The Committee discussed their position on the control of deer and decided to retain the previous position on a no-kill policy or to not endorse a sterilization program as it would require a larger region for that to be effective. The Committee will share the policy with the full Council at a future meeting.

Mrs. Naiman made a motion of support of the revised Wildlife Management Policy. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Other Business

Mr. Riblet explained that a Rotary Club Board Member approached him to participate in the Rotary Peace Pole Program. A video was played that explained the program.

The Committee discussed the positivity of the message and potential locations of where the peace pole could be placed.

Mr. Riblet explained that it would not a great cost or time to install the poles.

The Committee advised Mr. Riblet to work with the Rotary Club to get further information in support of the program.

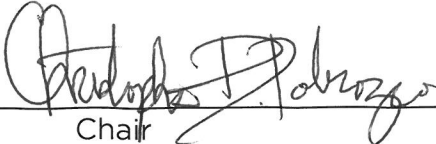
Minutes

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024 Government Affairs Committee meeting. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

Mr. Dobrozsi asked if there was any further business to discuss. As there was none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Naiman made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.


Chair