

**CITY OF NORWICH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

6 PM
January 20, 2005

Present

Ald. James Cushman
Ald. Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton

Also

Fire Chief John Tighe
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Deputy Clerk Donna Philippono

The Chairman, Ald. James Cushman, called the meeting to order at 6 PM in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza. The minutes from November 18 and December 16, 2004 were accepted.

Updates / Running Agenda

Police Chief

Annual Police Report -- Chief Angelino presented the 2004 Annual Report and noted calls were down about 1,000.

Antiquated Ordinances -- The Chief reviewed a list of antiquated ordinances for the Committee to review. He noted that some of the ordinances may no longer be needed and some may need to be amended. The Committee directed the Chief and Deputy Clerk to research the ordinances and make recommendations at the next meeting.

Fire Chief

- ♦ Strategic Plan -- Chief Tighe presented the Norwich Fire Department Strategic Plan 2005 to the Committee. He said the plan builds on the recommendations of the Shift Captains, Volunteer Assistant Chiefs and Volunteer Company Officers. The Chief noted that some of the committees have already met and are very excited about the plan.
- ♦ Building Project -- Chief Tighe reported the project is down to just a few items. He noted there are some issues regarding the elevator and added that the project is still within budget. The Chief said he expects the date of opening can be determined after a meeting is held next week with all parties of the project.
- ♦ Revenue Recovery -- Ald. Thornton suggested that the Committee begin looking at where things stand with regard to revenue recovery rates.

EMO

- ♦ EMO -- Ald. Thornton said that people that retrieve grants for the City such as EMO Jones should be compensated and referred the matter to the Personnel/Finance Committee.

Traffic Commission

- ♦ Traffic Recommendation -- The Committee concurred with the Traffic Commission's recommendation to paint a centerline at the intersection of Midland Drive and Burr Avenue. The matter was referred to the Public Works Department.

Committee

- ♦ Multi-family dwellings -- The Committee discussed the issues raised at the November meeting regarding multi-family dwellings and the need to continue the momentum. Ald. Thornton noted that a large number of the people that were invited did not show up for the meeting. He said that one of the misperceptions is that the City is doing this as a revenue generator and indicated that the City needs to educate people that it is about improving the quality and integrity of the neighborhoods for the residents. Chief Angelino said if the City wanted to generate revenue, it would do it by charging for responding to the calls. Ald. Cushman requested comments from the Committee regarding the meeting.

Old Business -- none

New Business

Special Events – Ald. Maiurano indicated that although the subject has been discussed previously, he requested the Committee discuss the special events/parades issue at the next meeting.

Police Vehicles – Ald. Thornton raised a question regarding the purchase of a new police vehicle and whether Public Safety had reviewed it. It was noted that the matter was reported on at the last meeting.

Adjournment -- There being no further discussion, the Committee adjourned at 6:45 PM.