



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 | 6 PM

5th Committee Meeting

The Committee will meet in Mauldin City Hall at 5 East Butler Road in the Council Chambers at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be available remotely through Zoom. Please visit the City's website at <https://cityofmauldin.org/your-government/meeting-minutes-agendas/> to access the meeting via audio and videoconferencing.

A quorum of Council will be present.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MARCH 4, 2024
CITY HALL - COUNCIL
CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER
ROAD**

Committee Members: Carol King (Chair), Frank Allgood and Jason Kraeling

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | Chairperson King |
| 2. <u>Public Comment</u> | Chairperson King |
| 3. <u>Reading and Approval of Minutes</u> | Chairperson King |
| a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: January 2, 2024 [Pages 3-4] | |
| 4. <u>Reports or Communications from City Officers</u> | Chairperson King |
| a. Fire Chief Brian McHone | |
| b. Administrative Judge/ Clerk of Court Donna DeRado | |
| c. Police Chief George Miller
Camp Worthy | |
| 5. <u>Unfinished Business</u> | Chairperson King |
| There is no unfinished business. | |
| 6. <u>New Business</u> | Chairperson King |
| a. Police and Court Operations Security Updates [Pages 5-6] | |
| b. Discussion on No Parking Regulations [Pages 7-9] | |
| 7. <u>Public Comment</u> | Chairperson King |
| 8. <u>Committee Concerns</u> | Chairperson King |
| 9. <u>Adjournment</u> | Chairperson King |

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2024
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD
4th committee meeting

Committee members present were Chairwoman Carol King, Committee members Frank Allgood and Jason Kraeling.

Others present: Police Chief George Miller, Fire Chief Brian McHone, Administrative Judge/Clerk of Court Donna DeRado, and City Administrator Seth Duncan.

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: December 4, 2023

Motion: Councilman Allgood made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Fire Chief Brian McHone

Chief McHone said 9 engineers were promoted and John Centrone was promoted to Fire Marshal. The 48/96 shift started today.

The Chief and Fire Marshal have now moved into the new headquarters building. The internet is complete and admin card access is being finished.

b. Administrative Judge/ Clerk of Court Donna DeRado

The department budget looks good except for the juror expenses. The Judicial department will have a new button security system in place. All staff will have a button as well as the Judge. A new monitor will be installed in the Clerk of Court's office so the staff will be able to see down the hallway. All bond forms will be digitized within the next 30 days.

Chairwoman King thanked Judge DeRado for her forward thinking in the department.

c. Police Chief George Miller

Chief Miller reported a new batch of cars have been ordered and will come in starting in February. He thanked committee for the taser and body cam purchase last month.

The courtroom metal detector will be fixed soon.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business-There is no new business.

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 6a

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: George Miller, Chief of Police, Donna DeRado, Administrative Judge
SUBJECT: Police & Court Operations Security Upgrades

DISCUSSION

The Public Safety Committee is being asked to make a positive recommendation to Council to approve the reallocation of \$45,000 in ARPA funding for Police Department and Court Operations Security Upgrades.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

Due to unforeseen circumstances, several important safety systems are beyond repair and need to be replaced. Some of these systems are more than a decade old or are necessary to ensure the safe operations of Court Administration and MPD.

ANALYSIS or STAFF FINDINGS

Staff of MPD have been working diligently to extend the life of a number of critical security systems at City Hall. These include security cameras in sensitive areas throughout the building and the City's metal detector. Staff have been unsuccessful, after a number of attempts, to repair the metal detector used for Court and Council Operations and have unrepairable issues with numerous security cameras. Therefore staff is requesting the reallocation of ARPA funding to purchase a new metal detector and replace 9 security cameras.

Additionally, Court Operations have been hampered as of late due to limited visibility out of the counter windows, and staff are unable to securely serve customers that are using a wheelchair. Currently, Court Administration must take customers one at a time, even though the counter window system was built for two access windows. Therefore, staff is requesting the reallocation of ARPA funds to reopen the second counter to provide better and ADA compliant services to customers.

Security Cameras Replacement	\$20,000
Metal Detector Replacement	\$5,000
Court Administration	\$20,000
	\$45,000.00

FISCAL IMPACT

The City received more than \$12 million in ARPA funding and allocated those resources for various projects and capital acquisition. As many of those projects and purchases are now complete, staff has found

some underutilized funds that can be reallocated for other immediate needs. Staff recommends allocating \$45,000 in ARPA funds for the above-mentioned security upgrades.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Committee make a positive recommendation to City Council reallocation of \$45,000 of ARPA funding for Police Department and Court Operations Security Upgrades.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 6b

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Seth Duncan, City Administrator, George Miller, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: No Parking Regulations Discussion

DISCUSSION

Staff is requesting a discussion with the Public Safety Committee to relay recent requests by certain subdivisions to evaluate and potentially enact new restrictions for on-street parking.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

The City currently has few on-street parking restrictions in subdivisions throughout the City. Where restrictions do exist, they typically are located in designated turn-around areas for municipal vehicles and emergency response vehicles. Recently, staff received requests from two separate subdivisions to evaluate the possibility of expanding restrictions to additional roadways to ensure access for municipal vehicles and emergency response vehicles.

A review of municipal code found that the power to restrict on-street parking currently exists within municipal code. According to Sec 38-48 of Mauldin Municipal Code, parking may be restricted in the following ways:

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful to park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets so designated. The city administrator may designate such areas with the recommendation of the traffic engineer or by direction of the city council.

Though the ability to restrict has been codified, no policy currently exists to receive such requests, evaluate requests received, implementation requirements, nor an enforcement plan.

DISCUSSION

Staff requests a discussion with the Public Safety Committee to inform the Committee of the complaints received and to receive any initial feedback as staff drafts a policy for future consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

- Planters Row Subdivision Letter
- Whispering Meadows Letter

Date: 2/21/24 5:00 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: William Taft Matney Jr <tmatney@mauldincitysc.com>, Carol King <cking@mauldincitysc.com>, Jason Kraeling <jkraeling@mauldincitysc.com>, Michael Reynolds <MReynolds@mauldincitysc.com>, Frank Allgood <fallgood@mauldincitysc.com>, Mark Steenback <msteenback@mauldincitysc.com>, Terry Merritt <tmerritt@mauldincitysc.com>
Subject: Street Parking in Planters Row

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Please see the attached letter to the Planters Row Homeowners Association from the Mauldin Director of Public Works.

I have been a resident in Planters Row for almost 24 years. Over that time, I have seen problematic street parking of vehicles just grow and grow. Just this afternoon I saw a semi-tractor parked on a cul-de-sac. I'm surprised a letter like the attached has not occurred prior to this date.

The Planters Row HOA covenants have restrictions on repetitive overnight parking on the street, however, we were informed many years ago that only a city ordinance is enforceable regarding street parking; and to my knowledge there aren't any street parking restrictions for the neighborhood.

The streets in the development are not very wide with lots of curves. There are many areas where cars are parked on both sides or the street right across from each other making it difficult to for even a single car to easily pass through, let alone a Public Works truck or an emergency vehicle.

This attached letter was sent to all homeowners by the HOA. With the street parking issue now being identified to all residents as a chronic problem, now would be an opportune time to enact some parking regulations for the neighborhood. As you know it is not a small neighborhood with some 700 homes in it. Street parking has become chaotic in some areas.

I would like to suggest an ordinance be enacted that would permit street parking on only one side of a street. I'm sure city traffic engineers could easily and quickly determine which side it should be for each stretch of road. With an ordinance in place it would be an enforceable restriction.

A street parking ordinance is the only surefire way to meet the Public Works requirements and clear out the parking mess now in the neighborhood. Sure, there will be some unhappy homeowners, but with this Public Works notification, City Council should move on this while the issue is widely known. It would be horrible if sanitation services were suspended in the neighborhood because of street parking.

Sincerely,

Subject: Townes at Whispering Meadows Parking Concern

Mr, Dyrhaug, Mr. Fleahman -

We have received the Public Works letter of concern about parking in our neighborhood (attached).

While the letter address trash, it is not just a trash day problem, but also impacts emergency vehicles, or even normal resident access.

The developer, Doug Hunt, did not provide strong parking regulations in our CC&Rs that would enable the board to resolve the parking issue.

I understand prior to deeding the streets to the city, the turn around area did have no parking signs, but they were removed later. This resulted in the turn around area becoming parking zone, sometimes stacked two deep (picture)

I don't know of a solution other than to designate and mark one side of Nantallah as No Parking. Who would the HOA need to contact in the city to start this process?

I have marked where the HOA board might suggest No Parking be established on the attached plat. If the No Parking is on the NW side of Nantallah, that also protects the turn-around area.

While the problem currently impacts Nantallah, I expect it will also impact Marengo as the final units are sold, and parking becomes restricted on Nantallah, so I recommend we address Marengo at the same time.

If we restrict parking to one side of these narrow streets, this would seem to resolve most of the issue, enabling access by public works and emergency vehicles. We might need some help on initial enforcement, but I believe the residents will quickly understand the new limitations.

I appreciate your assistance and understanding as we work through this concern.