

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2025, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD
1st committee meeting

Committee Members present were Carol King (Chair) and Member Jason Kraeling. Councilman Frank Allgood joined via Zoom. Fire Chief Brian McHone, Police Chief George Miller, Administrative Judge/Clerk of Court Donna DeRado, and City Administrator Seth Duncan were also present.

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Safety Committee Minutes-November 4, 2024

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

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

- a. Fire Chief Brian McHone- Chief McHone reported the department is currently at 48% of its budget and looks good. He then reported the department ran 5,547 calls in 2024, which is approximately 600 more calls than in 2023.
- b. Administrative Judge/ Clerk of Court Donna DeRado- Ms. DeRado reported the department is under budget. She also advised committee that weekend bond hours would be changed from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.- to 11:00 a.m.
- c. Police Chief George Miller- Chief Miller reported the Community Team would soon be doing a Polar Plunge fundraiser and Sefcik is working on a car show for March.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. MPD State Appropriations Budget

As part of the State of South Carolina 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget, appropriations were made to the City of Mauldin's Police Department for the purchase of a Mobile Command Post Vehicle and to replace outdated Special Response Team (SRT) equipment. Funding is being provided by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and totals \$500,000. Staff's initial budget allocation to DPS forecasted the Mobile Command Post Vehicle to cost approximately \$375k and the remaining \$125k would be used for SRT equipment.

Prior to purchasing SRT equipment, MPD staff took time to evaluate the potential specifications and cost of a Mobile Command Post Vehicle (CPV). In early December, MPD released a Request for Proposal with the minimum and preferred specifications for a CPV. Staff went through the proposals and has selected Mobile Specialty Vehicles as the vendor for the vehicle. It will be a Ram 5500.

Additionally, MPD has identified equipment to be replaced for the SRT to enhance the team's capabilities and increase officer and public safety. Equipment to be replaced will include SRT personal protective gear, less-than-lethal equipment, and operational equipment that will enhance the team's ability to respond to current and emerging departmental needs.

Councilman Allgood asked what Captain Hodrea anticipates the life of the CPV to be. Captain Hodrea said based on what he has learned from talking to other entities, the department expects at least 10 years.

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send this item to Council to recommend the authorization of the above capital expenditures funded via state appropriations and select MSV as the lowest responsive bidder in the acquisition of a mobile command post vehicle. Councilman Allgood seconded the motion.

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

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk