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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 7, 2025
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD
2nd committee meeting

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

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

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: May 5, 2025

Motion: Councilman Allgood made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Fire Chief Brian McHone

i. Budget Review

Chief McHone previously submitted a report that was provided to the committee.

b. Administrative Judge/ Clerk of Court Donna DeRado

i. Budget Review

Ms. DeRado reported the Judicial audit was completed and the department received a good report.

c. Police Chief George Miller

i. Budget Review

Chief Miller reported the youth camps went well.

The Explorers placed in the top three in several events at the skills competition held in Columbia.

The new command post vehicle is in and can be seen at National Night Out.

Councilman Allgood asked Chief Miller how many Explorer Posts participate in these events. Chief Miller answered about 60 teams at Winterfest in Gatlinburg, and 15-20 teams in Columbia.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Judicial Restructuring Appointments

As part of the FY25–26 Judicial budget review, staff evaluated the department's organizational structure and job functions. The assessment revealed that the current arrangement is not optimal for operational efficiency or workflow. To enhance departmental effectiveness, the following changes are proposed:

1. Re-title the Judicial Director to include the role to serve as Chief Municipal Judge.

2. Appoint a full-time Administrative Judge (Brandi White) to support judicial operations.

3. Promote the current Deputy Clerk of Court to Clerk of Court to streamline administrative functions.

There is no additional fiscal impact to the City associated with this request as the FY25-26 Judicial budget was approved with the financial obligations and structure for these positions included.

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to forward this item to Council with a recommendation of approval. Councilman Allgood seconded the motion.

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

b. SCORF Program

The State of South Carolina currently allocates funding to numerous cities, towns, and counties for the purpose of supporting opioid prevention, education, and related initiatives aimed at reducing overdose and death. As part of this effort, the City of Mauldin has been awarded a total of $607,391.23 through the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) since 2022. However, $221,414.44 of that amount must be requested by December 31, 2025, or it will be forfeited and reallocated to other jurisdictions in need of funding for their programming.

An Opioid Community Risk Coordinator position will be added to the Mauldin Fire Department to support opioid abatement strategies. Key duties would include data collection and analysis, public education and community outreach.

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to forward this item to Council with a recommendation of approval. Councilman Allgood seconded the motion.

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

7. Public Comment

Jocelyn Nix- 113 Woodgreen Drive asked a question about the SCORF program and was directed to Assistant City Administrator Saxton.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk