

**City of Warson Woods Ad Hoc Committee – Glendale Public Safety**  
**Agreement Review**

Minutes from the Committee Meeting Held May 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Warson Woods City Hall (and via Zoom Webinar which was recorded)

Ad Hoc Committee members in attendance: Mike Basler, Jim Lewis, Tim Quinn, Brian Middendorf, Sean Fitzgerald, and Mandy Kamykowski

1. Emails from citizens to the [publicsafety@warsonwoods.com](mailto:publicsafety@warsonwoods.com) email address were read by Member Tim Quinn. Additional committee members advised of in-person citizen meetings/comments they had received regarding the proposed PSA, the Committee's work, and additional questions to be answered prior to the Board voting on the proposal.
2. Members gave reports on various documents requested and reviewed since the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:
  - a. Annual crime statistics from WW, including types of crime and manner of disposition of same were reported by Mr. Fitzgerald. In general, WW has little crime to report with essentially no crime to persons. Most incidents involve property damage or theft. And WW solves/disposes of nearly all of their open cases. Mr. Fitzgerald reported that he had not yet received comparable statistics from Glendale's police department but he will follow up to obtain and review same prior to the next meeting.
  - b. Ms. Kamykowski reported on the comparison of officer salaries and benefits as they currently stand (2021) for both WWPD and Glendale PD. There is no dispute that the total compensation and benefits offered by the City of Glendale is better than that offered by the City of Warson Woods.
  - c. WW Financial Data reports were obtained from Ms. Mahaney and reviewed by the Members prior to the meeting. Discussion was had regarding the City's records relating to the PD budget v. actual for the current fiscal year to date (July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021):

**WWPD Budget v. Actual:** It was noted that the current expenses exceed the budgeted expenses by 12%, with the line item for part-time police wages being 157.2% of the budget. Further evaluation of the WWPD budget is planned, in conjunction with review of the budget for the Glendale PD when those numbers are obtained (see subpart d. herein).

**Prop P Funding:**

City treasury reports indicate since July 1, 2017, WW has received \$385,502.54 in Prop P funds. In that same time frame, two police vehicles were purchased along with computers and software for all vehicles, for a

collective total of \$69,72.00. It was agreed the Committee would revisit the Prop P revenue/expenses after the May 20, 2021, Finance Committee Meeting.

- d. As of the date of this meeting, Committee Members had been unsuccessful in receipt and review of Glendale financial information. Mr. Fitzgerald agreed to follow up with Glendale to obtain their general revenue and police budgets v. actuals and Prop P fund reports, if any exist.
- e. Mr. Fitzgerald raised a point regarding his attempts to obtain information from Ms. Mahaney as well as Acting City Engineer/Ward 4 Alderman Mike Dell'Orco and Finance Committee Chair/Ward 3 Alderman Charlie Luisetti relating to anticipated future capital infrastructure projects and expected costs of same. Mr. Fitzgerald reported on email communications between himself, Alderman Dell'Orco, and Ms. Mahany concluding no current written infrastructure plan currently exists. A proposal is set to be given to the Finance Committee at their May 20, 2021 meeting.

Additionally, there was no response to Mr. Fitzgerald's request for any written plan for communication of the terms of the PSA with Glendale to the citizens of Warson Woods. Mr. Fitzgerald agreed to follow up on that request as well.

- 3. Mr. Middendorf raised discussion of a short, confidential survey to submit to the members of the WWPD asking questions about the proposed PSA with Glendale. Specific language for survey questions was discussed and Mr. Middendorf agreed to finalize the survey and distribute it to the officers before our next meeting.
- 4. A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to a detailed review of the written Public Safety Agreement, including discussion of a meeting conducted by Committee Members Mr. Quinn, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Kamykowski via Zoom with City Attorney Paul Rost on May 6, 2021. The Committee agreed many sections of the current draft of the PSA are extremely vague and do not appear to establish sufficient protections to guarantee WW would get the same level of service if the PSA were entered as it has with the current WWPD. A clarification by the City Attorney regarding the hiring and retention of the entire WWPD (with the exception of the Chief) was also discussed. WW citizen representation on the proposed new Public Safety Committee outlined in the PSA was also discussed.

The Committee reached a unanimous consensus that it would not recommend the Board vote to enter the current draft of the PSA with the City of Glendale.

- 5. The Members discussed numerous individuals and/or groups of people they had met with to discuss the PSA and documents requested since the first meeting:
  - a. Mr. Basler reported his efforts to obtain information relating to current legislation in Jefferson City that might affect independent municipal police

departments. He contacted the offices of Attorney General Eric Schmitt, Senator Jill Schupp and Representative Barbara Phifer. He also obtained information from The Municipal League. Mr. Basler was advised that litigation relating to SB 5 remains pending and could impose administrative, training, and accreditation standards on all municipal police departments in St. Louis County, including Warson Woods. Additionally, SB 26, which would limit reduction of police department budgets, was also discussed.

- b. Mr. Lewis reported on his review of total neighborhood patrol hours WWPD logged in 2020. Mr. Lewis will attempt to conduct a comparison of similar data on patrol hours and shift coverage with information requested from the City of Glendale and will update the Committee on the comparison at the next meeting.
  - c. Multiple Committee members reported on individual conversations they have had with WW residents.
6. Action items agreed to at the conclusion of this meeting included:
- a. Mr. Fitzgerald will follow up with the City of Glendale to obtain crime reports comparable to what has been received and reviewed from WWPD
  - b. Mr. Middendorf will complete and circulate the anonymous survey to current WWPD officers.
  - c. Mr. Basler (and others) will attend the May 18 Board of Alderman meeting to provide a status report from this Committee
  - d. Various members of the Committee will attend the Finance Committee meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> to learn more about expected infrastructure projects and costs as well as auditing of the Prop P funding
  - e. Ms. Kamykowski volunteered to obtain additional information regarding the status of the pending litigation pertaining to SB 5 as well as the status of SB 26.
  - f. Mr. Quinn will obtain a copy of the WW/Glendale Fire/EMS Contract.
  - g. Mr. Lewis will follow up with City of Glendale to obtain patrol hours reports as well as additional City of Glendale financial reports for general revenue and the police department.
  - h. Mr. Basler will follow up with WWPD regarding the status of the accreditation application as well as anticipated timeline, costs, and time involved in achieving same.
  - i. Ms. Kamykowski will follow up with the Mayor and Alderpersons about the anticipated WW representation on the proposed Public Safety Committee that is part of the draft PSA.
7. Minutes from the May 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

8. The members agreed the next Committee Meeting would be held on **Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.**
9. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.