

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

Minutes from the Committee Meeting Held May 26, 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. Minutes from the May 10, 2021 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. There were fewer reports of emails and/or personal contact by WW residents with questions for the committee, but those members who had been contacted advised the committee of additional questions and concerns relating to the PSA, City finances, and the logistics for a resident vote before any Board vote on the proposal.
3. Members gave reports on various documents requested and reviewed since the May 10th meeting:
 - a. Mr. Fitzgerald reported he continues to work with administrative personnel at the City of Glendale to obtain copies of their annual crime statistics to complete the comparison of same with corresponding WWPD reports/statistics.
 - b. Mr. Lewis reported on additional data analysis of patrol hours for both WWPD and GPD utilizing 2020 patrol hours and the proposed patrol coverage under the current draft of the PSA. He initially concluded that WW would see a decrease in patrol hours with the coverage anticipated by the current language in the PSA (at least 36% decrease in patrol hours). Mr. Lewis will continue to tweak his analysis and provide an updated report at the next meeting.
 - c. Mr. Basler and Mr. Lewis reported on their initial review of audited financial reports for the City of Glendale, including a conclusion that Glendale is financially solvent.
 - d. Mr. Quinn obtained and reviewed copies of EMS/Fire contracts with the City of Glendale. Discussion as to the value of reviewing those documents was had. No further efforts to review the current EMS/Fire contract will be undertaken by the committee.
 - e. Ms. Kamykowski reported on the current status of Missouri state legislation relating to municipal police and public safety, including SB5 and SB26. The constitutionality of SB5 remains pending before the Missouri Supreme Court. SB26 was truly agreed to and passed on May 14, 2021 and is on the Governor's desk awaiting signature. The Committee assumes the fate of

SB5 will not be decided by the Missouri Supreme Court until at least Fall of 2021 (which is after all compliance deadlines for municipal police force accreditation, etc. in the original bill). The Committee also assumes the Governor will sign SB26 into law, which will take effect on August 28, 2021. On and after that date, city governments will be limited in the amount of reductions to municipal police department budgets, which calls into question WW's ability to effectuate the PSA with Glendale after August 28, 2021. Mr. Basler agreed to follow up with the Missouri Municipal League to obtain their opinions, if any, regarding the future of both of these bills and the potential impact of same on municipal police departments.

- f. Discussion of the WWPD's application for accreditation by the Missouri Police Chief's Association ("MPCA") was had. It is anticipated WWPD will obtain that accreditation by the end of 2023. Additionally, Mr. Lewis reported GPD's application for MPCA accreditation is underway, with an anticipated approval by the end of 2022.
 - g. Ms. Kamykowski reported on communications with Mayor Howe regarding the anticipated 1/3 WW representation on the Glendale PD Public Safety Committee. Mayor Howe advised that there has not been substantial discussion of who (i.e., Alderpersons, Mayor or appointed WW citizens) would make up WW's 1/3 representation.
4. Mr. Middendorf distributed typed copies of the anonymous WWPD officer's survey relating to the proposed PSA with Glendale. Generally, 4 of the 5 officers who responded were against the dissolution of the WWPD and contract with GPD.
 5. The Committee held a recap discussion of the May 20, 2021 Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting which was attended by many Ad Hoc members. Based on the proposed 2022 budget presented for the first time at that meeting, the Committee concluded that presently there is not an imminent financial need to reduce City expenses, including the police department. However, with significant capital infrastructure improvements as well as department personnel needs on the horizon and essentially fixed/flat revenue sources, the Committee recognizes that expense cutting and/or revenue increases will be needed at some point in the future to maintain the financial viability of the City of Warson Woods. Evaluation of the future financial viability of the City is outside the purview of this Ad Hoc Committee.
 6. Recent communications from Alderwoman Mayer regarding the timing of the Committee's report to the board and/or mailer for insert with the "straw vote" ballots was also had.
 7. Action items agreed to at the conclusion of this meeting included:
 - a. A plan to identify pros/cons of the PSA for reporting to the Board by the next Board meeting set for June 16, 2021 on the topics of:

- i. City Financing;
 - ii. WWPD Officer total compensation and seniority levels;
 - iii. WWPD Officer survey results;
 - iv. Legislative/grass roots activity relating to municipal police departments (SB5, SB26 and “Better Together”); and
 - v. Prop P funds and accounting therefore
 - b. Additional follow up on the pending requests for Glendale patrol and crime statistics
8. The Committee scheduled it’s next meeting for **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Warson Woods City Hall.**
9. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.