



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chambers

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

1:10 PM

PUBLIC SAFETY

PRESENT

Mayor Garnett Johnson

Commissioner Catherine Smith-McKnight

Commissioner Alvin Mason

Commissioner Bobby Williams

Commissioner Brandon Garrett

1. Motion to approve Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri) as a sole source procurement.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Mason.

Voting Yea: Smith-McKnight, Mason, Williams, Garrett

2. Approve and accept a grant for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant with funding from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia to provide services to crime victims from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Smith-McKnight, Mason, Williams, Garrett

3. Motion to approve the acceptance the Second Amendment to the Inmate Health Care Services Contract.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Mason.

Voting Yea: Smith-McKnight, Mason, Williams, Garrett

4. Motion to approve the purchase of 400 Tasers for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Mason.
Voting Yea: Smith-McKnight, Mason, Williams, Garrett

5. Discuss the two fire truck accidents that happened within a week's time. **(Requested by Commissioner Catherine McKnight)**

It was the consensus of the committee that this item be received as information without objection.

6. Discussion/update on the two accidents last week from the Augusta Fire Department. **(Requested by Commissioner Alvin Mason)**

It was the consensus of the committee that this item be received as information without objection.

7. Provide plan of action and costs associated with the state emergency ambulance protocol. **(Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Garrett)**

It was the consensus of the committee that this item be deleted without objection.

8. Discuss options to utilize QRV vehicles in lieu of fire trucks. **(Requested by Commissioner Wayne Guilfoyle)**

Motion to approve directing the Fire Chief to come back to the next committee meeting with cost estimates regarding QR vehicles for additional discussion.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.
Voting Yea: Smith-McKnight, Mason, Williams, Garrett

9. Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee held on January 9, 2023.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Mason.
Voting Yea: Smith-McKnight, Mason, Williams, Garrett