Public Safety Committee
Meeting of June 14, 2010

Minutes

Members present: Larry Jeffus, Council Member – District 4, Committee Chairman
Preston Edwards, Council Member – District 3
John Willis, Council Member – District 5

Staff present: Mitch Bates, Chief of Police, Staff Liaison to PSC
Brad Neighbor, City Attorney
Mike Betz, Deputy City Attorney
Larry Ray, Assistant Chief, Police Department
Cindy Hale, Administrative Assistant of Police

Chairman Larry Jeffus called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting held on January 4, 2010, were approved unanimously.

Item #2: Prohibiting Cell Phone Usage in School Zones

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) discussed the new state law regarding the prohibited use of cell phones in school zones within certain provisions. Chief Mitch Bates informed the committee that there have been no reported accidents due to cell phone use in a school zone within Garland. Brad Neighbor, City Attorney, discussed the legal issues surrounding the new law recently enacted by the state legislature. The logistical issues involved with the required implementation of new signs in school zones was also discussed.

The committee voted unanimously to return to the full council for further discussion at the Council Work Session on July 19, 2010.

Future Items

1. Approval of minutes
2. Safe Routes to Schools
3. The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Submitted By: _____ on _____
Mitch Bates, Staff Liaison to PSC
Chief of Police

Approved By: _____ on _____
Larry Jeffus, Chairman
Council Member – District 4