



Lowell City Council

Public Safety SC Meeting Minutes

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Date: February 26, 2019
Time: 5:40 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Nuon, C. Leahy and C. Milinazzo. Also present were C. Mercier; C. Elliott; Manager Donoghue; Heather Donovan (Career Center) and Supt. Richardson (LPD).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Nuon called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM in the Council Chamber and opened discussion regarding LPD Gang Unit.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Nuon commented on collaboration of the different agencies regarding youth involvement in the City. Supt. Richardson commented on agency partnerships and also the use of Shannon Grants to fund programs for these agencies. Supt. Richardson noted that it keeps all people involved in the process and is a viable way to problem solve. Supt. Richardson noted the efforts of UTEC in dealing with the youth in the community. Mao Kang (UTEC) commented on the organizations relationship with the LPD over the years noting the relationship of the agency with the youth in the City and beyond. Mr. Kang noted the principle goals of the agency involve increasing education and employment while reducing recidivism of crime and noted current production of video to support those goals as well as the many jail visits that are made. C. Milinazzo questioned methods to deal with peer pressure experienced by individuals. Mr. Kang noted that there is constant interaction with clients to ensure a strong relationship and this includes many visits to homes. Supt. Richardson commented on the services of the Career Center provided to the youth in the City. Heather Donovan (Career Center) commented on programs and employment opportunities for the youth and the outreach used to inform them of those opportunities. Linda Ketsith (UTEC) commented on her experience at UTEC as a new employee and her efforts on the re-entry program for incarcerated youth. C. Nuon recognized Michelle Carter, a director at UTEC. C. Milinazzo commented on the Career Center involvement



and the importance of that relationship so that the youth will stay busy throughout the year. C. Nuon commented on the outreach efforts of the Career Center. C. Leahy noted the importance of all the partnerships within the City and signaled out UTEC for their services. C. Nuon noted that there were many other partners with the City. Supt. Richardson outlined those partnerships and their relationship with police and noted that it enables the police to have a positive image in the community. Supt. Richardson noted the law enforcement partners with the City which include Mass. State Police and federal agencies such as FBI, DEA and Atty. General. C. Elliott commented on the relationships and their importance especially at the federal level in regards to drug enforcement and prevention. Supt. Richardson commented on team effort locally and that relationship is regarded as highly effective and important. C. Elliott noted that the more local police agencies joining together to collaborate with federal agencies is the most effective approach. Supt. Richardson noted that the congressional delegation has been involved with this collaboration. **Motion** by C. Milinazzo, seconded by C. Leahy to request City Manager send letter to various federal agencies regarding continued collaborative efforts to combat drug crimes and increase drug prevention efforts. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. **Motion** by C. Milinazzo, seconded by C. Leahy to accept the report as a report of progress. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Milinazzo, seconded by C. Leahy. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Michael Geary, City Clerk