

**City of Jacksonville Beach  
Minutes of City Council  
FY 2020 - Budget Workshop  
Monday, August 5, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.  
City Council Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
11 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida**

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City Manager Mike Staffopoulos called the Budget Workshop to order at 4:00 P.M.

City Council Members in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members:	Keith Doherty (absent)	Georgette Dumont	Christine Hoffman
	Sandy Golding	Cory Nichols	Phil Vogelsang

Staff in attendance:

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Police Chief Gene Paul Smith, and Interim Fire Chief Steve Sciotto

**Police Department**

Police Chief Gene Paul Smith, reviewed the function and structure of the department.

Chief Smith summarized the different Police Divisions and their costs.

Chief Smith discussed the average response time to emergency calls is 2.16 minutes and 4.23 minutes for non-emergency calls. He stated there had been a decrease in major crimes overall by 2% from 2014 to 2018.

Chief Smith stated the Citizen's Police Academy graduated 42 classes to date and now includes 1,136 graduates.

Chief Smith advised the Police Department would no longer organize the National Night Out event and would look into organizing a better, more attended event for the community.

Chief Smith stated the department is nearly fully staffed and recruiting is an ongoing effort.

Public Safety Radio System replacement is an ongoing expense, and Chief Smith stated it would continue in future years until the entire system is replaced.

Five (5) new police vehicles (SUVs) would be purchased in FY2020. Chief Smith stated the department would be exploring the opportunity to purchase and use drones as an added tool.

## Fire Department

The Fire Department is staffed and equipped to respond to one single serious fire or three simultaneous emergency calls. We have automatic mutual aid agreements with the City of Jacksonville and St. Johns County.

Chief Sciotto summarized the department's accomplishments. He also stated the department's response time is an average of four (4) minutes. The Chief also stated all structure fires were confined to the area involved. He reported 8,696 fire safety surveys were completed in the past year, and 378 high hazard (restaurants, churches, schools) inspections were completed. The Chief explained 729 pre-plans were updated. There were 219 new smoke detectors installed in homes, and 482 new batteries were installed in smoke detectors. The Fire Department installed and/or educated 174 families on the proper installation of child safety seats. The department also conducted city-wide training and exercises in hurricane preparedness.

Chief Sciotto summarized the Fire Department's FY2019/2020 goals to be zero fire-related deaths, containing 90% of fires to the area in which they started and to continue the 100% customer services results of excellent or good service.

Capital Outlays from the previous year (Zoll Cardiac Monitor, SCBA compressor/fill station, Shift Commander vehicle and Extractor, drying rack, stackable washer/dryer, and plumbing modifications) are fully functioning and are all being maintained.

The workshop adjourned at 4:58 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:



William C. Latham, Mayor

8/19/19

Date: