

**City of Jacksonville Beach  
Minutes of City Council  
FY 2021 - Budget Workshop  
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.  
Via Video Conference**

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City Manager Mike Staffopoulos called the Budget Workshop to order at 5:00 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 (absent)

Staff in attendance:

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, and Police Chief Gene Paul Smith.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Gene Paul Smith reviewed the function and structure of the department. Chief Smith stated the Police Department is fully staffed with Law Enforcement Officers for the first time in approximately 25 years.

Chief Smith summarized the different Police Divisions and their costs.

Chief Smith discussed the average response time to emergency calls is 2.19 minutes and 4.19 minutes for non-emergency calls. He stated there had been a decrease in major crimes overall by 23% from 2015 to 2019, and he believes it continues to go down in 2020 mainly due to COVID-19.

Chief Smith stated he tasked the Police Department's employees with identifying the department's challenges for the future, including short-term and long-term goals. These goals would drive management's decisions and set budget priorities. Chief Smith stated the goals provided by the staff were adopted on April 1, 2020, and would coexist with FY2021 performance measures until FY2022. At that time, new goals would replace previous performance measures.

Chief Smith reviewed the Financial Summary. It was stated the slight increase in the General Fund was due to pay raises and rising Pension costs. Chief Smith also stated the annual vehicle replacements were now purchased from the General Capital Projects Fund. It was noted the decrease in the Special Revenue Funds was the result of fewer vehicle purchases and employees' pay in certain positions. Chief Smith stated additional funding sources from grants are used to relieve spending costs in the General Fund.

Chief Smith went over a summary [on file] of the City of Jacksonville Beach Police Department's accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

The workshop adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:



William C. Latham, Mayor

8/17/2020

Date: