MINUTES OF FIRE AND POLICE JOINT

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE MEETING

July 7, 2025

The meeting was held on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Quincy City Hall. Present were Alderman Jeff Bergman, Alderwoman Kelly Mays, Alderman Greg Fletcher, Police Chief Adam Yates, Deputy Chief Mike Tyler, Fire Chief Steve Salrin.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Alderman Jeff Bergman.

Minutes

Ald. Fletcher made a motion for the prior meeting minutes for the Fire Aldermanic Committee to be approved. Seconded by Ald. Mays.

Ald. Fletcher made a motion for the prior meeting minutes for the Police Aldermanic Committee to be approved. Seconded by Ald. Mays.

Public Comments

No public comment.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Purchase of firefighter gear (PPE): Chief Salrin said this purchase is for five sets of gear (coats and pants) – three sets for replacement of current firefighters' gear and two sets for the new hires that started today. They will be fitted on Wednesday and would like to push it to go to council tonight because there will be a rate increase on July 11th.

Ald. Fletcher asked if this gear was fitted specifically to the individual it is assigned to and Chief Salrin said they are customed measured and custom manufactured. Try to purchase a new set for each firefighter every five years. New set will be the front line set and then an extra set as a reserve set. This is part of the department's cancer-prevention efforts. This allows the department to comply with NFPA standards.

Motion by Ald. Fletcher to send purchase for five sets of gear at a cost of $18,515.00 from AEC Fire and Safety to tonight's City Council meeting with the committee's recommendation for approval, seconded by Ald. Mays.

Vector Solutions 3-Year Agreement for Personnel Training Records Management System: The fire department uses Vector Solutions for two different services – one is for training records management and the other is for vehicle maintenance recordkeeping. The training records management system is up for renewal. Annual invoicing will continue to occur for the 3-year

term with the customary annual subscription fee increase. The multi-year agreement will exempt us from any additional fee increases for the duration of the agreement. Seeking approval to send it to council on Monday, July 14th.

Motion by Ald. Mays to send the renewal at a cost of $7,129.80 to City Council on July 14th for approval, seconded by Ald. Fletcher.

OSFM Training Reimbursement Dollars: (Information only) For the last two fiscal years, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 the department was allowed to seek training reimbursement from the State Fire Marshall's Office of up to 50% of the cost for sending personnel to the academy. Chief would like to deposit those funds into the Capital Replacement Fund instead of the General Fund into an SCBA replacement fund. In 2023, $14,600 was reimbursed of the more than $58,000 requested. In 2024, $28,500 was reimbursed of $71,000 and this year the request is for $59,474. The amount reimbursed to each department throughout the state depends on how much money is available and how many reimbursement requests are received. Instead of putting that money into the General Fund, would like to allocate that for SCBA replacement in nine years – cost will be approximately $450,000 based on today's prices. If the Assistance to Firefighters grant is still available, we would try for that, but there is no guarantee. That is how the last 38 air packs were purchased. Would like to discuss it with city administration and would appreciate the committee's support. Ald. Bergman would be willing to provide his input and approval to Administration and thanked Chief Salrin for his forward thinking.

Purchase of five ballistic vests and five rifle plates for ERT: Chief Yates said this is a routine replacement for ERT which is QPD's tactical team. Level IIIA body armor is designed and tested to protect officers from high-caliber firearm rounds. Rifle plates are designed to stop high powered rifle rounds. Five of them are expired and need to be replaced. After five years they are no longer warrantied by the company. Ald. Fletcher asked why the vests expire. Chief Yates said they could deteriorate or degrade the more they are worn. It is a risk management issue if an officer is shot and is wearing a vest past the expiration date. Generally, the old ones are discarded. Streicher's is the Safariland rep and the cost is $15,565.00, the other bid received was over $23,000. This is the company we have purchased from for about the last 10 years. Requesting the purchase go to council for approval on July 14th.

Motion by Ald. Fletcher to send purchase in the amount of $15,565.00 to City Council on July 14th for approval, seconded by Ald. Mays.

Purchase of ten portable radios and one mobile radio for the auxiliary police unit: Chief Yates said for transparency the department should probably have gone out for bid based on the cost, but they did not. The EMA Director has worked with this company for many years. When the new Motorola radios were purchased to be operable with the P25 digital system for our officers, radios for the auxiliary officers should also have been purchased. There are currently 10 auxiliary officers. The normal radios cost almost $4,000 each, but since these radios are refurbished, they will cost $1,849 each. One mobile radio would also be purchased for car 27 which is the car the auxiliary officers use for details. If there are concerns about moving forward with this purchase, we can go back and get bids, but we would probably not receive any others. These radios will fix

the safety issue of not being able to communicate with QPD officers because the auxiliary officers will be operable on the digital platform also. Ask to waive the request for bid process and submit for the purchase. Not aware of any other companies that offer refurbished radios.

Ald. Mays to send purchase in the amount of $20,399.99 to City Council on July 14th for approval, seconded by Ald. Fletcher.

Ald. Bergman said there is a presentation by Jessica Douglas, 9-1-1 Director. He asked Chief Salrin and Chief Yates how the digital radios are working.

Chief Yates said programming issues are being addressed with Motorola, communications are clearer, but there are dead zones in certain areas of the city. Sending officers to test areas and they are providing that information to the Dispatch Center. Open air issues that need to be addressed. Received communication from Motorola today that they identified some programming issues. Transmissions are clearer, but still issues to resolve.

Chief Salrin said they are having volume level issues and noticing issues inside buildings that they never had before. The fire department's vendor said there are not enough towers. A digital signal is either there or it isn't. Analog signal may get some transmission, but not be able to understand what is being said. Might need to put repeaters in the vehicles but need to do more troubleshooting first.

Chief Yates said they were told the same thing about the repeaters; however, they are expensive, and officers would have to manually flip a switch when they get out of their vehicle. Would prefer a general fix.

Adams County Sheriff's Office has not transitioned yet but will possibly do it within the next month. QPD can hear county traffic, but they cannot hear QPD, and we cannot communicate with one another.

Adams County Ambulance has been on it for several months. Haven't heard of any county-wide issues.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. was made by Ald. Mays, seconded by Ald. Fletcher.