



City of Roswell

38 Hill Street
Roswell, Georgia 30075

Meeting Minutes Public Safety and Public Works Committee

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

5:00 PM

Room 220

(Immediately following the Administration and Finance and Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting)

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Jere Wood; Council Member Rich Dippolito; Council Member Lori Henry; Council Member Kent Igleheart; Council Member Jerry Orlans; Council Member David Tolleson and Council Member Becky Wynn

Staff Present: Kay Love – City Administrator; Police Chief Ed Williams; Fire Chief Ricky Spencer; Julia Luke – Finance Director; Joe Glover - Director of Recreation and Parks; Bob Hulsey – Assistant City Attorney; Alice Champagne - Water Resources Manager; Mike Erwin - Strategic Planning and Budgeting ; Danny Blich - Grants Manager; Patrick Dale - IT Director; Sue Creel - City Clerk; and Marlee Press, Executive Assistant to Council.

Minutes of the June 2, 2009 committee meeting were approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member David Tolleson, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Henry; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans; Council Member Tolleson and Council Member Wynn

Public Safety

Fire

1. Discussion of the NIXLE Mass Alert Notification System - Guidance

- *NIXLE is a web based mass alert notification service to alert citizens of Emergency and Non-Emergency events. Notifications are sent via email or SMS/Text messages. The service is free to Government Agencies. This solution will replace the CodeRed Program that was previously researched. Some examples of how NIXLE can assist the City of Roswell are: 1) Emergency Alerts – Weather, Haz Mat Incidents, Terrorist Attacks, etc.; and 2) Non Emergency Alerts – Neighborhood Watches, Traffic Alerts, Detours, Road Closures, Cancellation of Public Events, Alerts/Messages to City Employees, and many other applications.*
- *Subscribers using SMS/Text Messaging, standard rates will apply to the user through their carrier (AT&T, Verizon, etc). They can opt out of this service and only receive alerts via email.*
- *NIXLE will come in and assist with starting up the program. They will not sell or share phone numbers or e-mail address with anyone else.*

This item was approved for staff to move forward with this.

In Favor: 6 – Mayor Wood; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Henry; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Tolleson and Council Member Wynn

2. Monthly Mutual Aid Report

- *Chief presented his Mutual Aid report for surrounding jurisdictions through 6/28/09. Roswell received mutual aid from other jurisdictions 6 times and Roswell gave 18 times. Our mutual aid is off with Sandy Springs. All the other cities we run Mutual Aid with are pretty balanced.*
- *Chief Spencer met with the Chief of Sandy Springs last month regarding the uneven balance of giving and receiving mutual aid. Chief Spencer expressed to their Chief several ideas and the Chief was going to take the options back to his City Manager. Chief has still not heard from Sandy Springs and he requested another month to resolve this with Sandy Springs.*
- *Chief Spencer will be bringing back a plan to present to M&CC of what staff intends to do about the Mutual Aid responses into Sandy Springs. Kay Love will be having a conversation with the City Manager of Sandy Springs to make sure he is aware of this issue.*

This will be brought back to this committee on August 4, 2009.

Police

3. **Approval of a Resolution to accept a 2009 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$71,894.01.**

Presented by Ed Williams, Police Chief

- Roswell was awarded \$71,894.01 in Federal funding for the purpose of enhancing or improving law enforcement programs. The City proposes to purchase digital radio communications equipment for the Police Department. The City of Atlanta will administer the grant on behalf of all recipients. Approval to submit application for this grant and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Fulton County and other municipalities was approved by Mayor and City Council on April 13, 2009. This is an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant. The City is not required to provide local matching funds.*

A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member Lori Henry, that the Resolution to accept a 2009 Justice Assistance Grant be approved for the Consent Agenda and placed on the Mayor and City Council agenda for 7/20/2009. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Henry; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Tolleson and Council Member Wynn

4. **Auto Theft Flyer Initiative**

- This program is designed to assist citizens with avoiding car break-ins and is being utilized in Alpharetta.*
- There have been 24 "Entering Autos" incidents reported in our parks since January of this year. There have been 386 total break-ins across the city. In response to the recent increase in activity, the Recreation and Parks Department installed signs at the parking lot entrances advising users of the parks of the potential threat. Also, Park Police stake-outs were increased and crime alert notifications were sent to park program participants. These proactive measures and the increased presence of police in the parking lots are likely to help explain the very low incidence of thefts in Roswell parks.*
- To address the problem city-wide, the police department has been using intensive patrols and stake-outs in the high-incident areas during the evening and mid-night shifts. They have also posted crime prevention information directly related to thefts from homes and of autos on the city's website. Additionally, the PD Crime Prevention Unit regularly conducts neighborhood meetings on crime prevention which almost always includes car theft information. The most recent issue of the City's electronic newsletter, Roswell Connections, featured an article providing auto theft/break-in prevention tips.*
- At this time, there are no plans to put cameras in the parking lots of Roswell parks.*

The situation will be monitored closely and staff will provide the Mayor and Council periodic updates.

5. Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

- *Chief Williams gave an update on the program. There has been great acceptance for the program across the board. Police officers and regular patrol officers have become more involved.*
- *An anonymous tip line has been set up for those living in apartments to identify gang members. The PD helped the DEA in one of their searches in one of the apartment complexes, and they recovered \$240,000 in drug money and a large quantity of drugs.*
- *In the Frazier Street Apartment complex, there has been a 50% drop in complaints.*

Public Works

No Action Items or Information Items

The second committee meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.