

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Police and Fire Commission

September 21, 2009, 3:02 p.m. Present: Commissioners Rice, Taylor and Wescott

Commissioner Nuck, excused

(Commissioner Schleihs arrived at 3:40 p.m.)

Also Present: Administrative Director Morris, Police Chief Ruder, Fire Chief Zinda, Nick Paulson, Stevens Point Journal

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2. Discussion, with possible action, hiring UWSP Community Research Center to conduct public opinion research survey on state of Public Safety in Stevens Point
3. Further discussion regarding developing a five year Strategic Direction Plan for public safety services in Stevens Point
4. Adjourn into Closed Session (approximately 4:30 p.m.) pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sections 19.85 1 (c) and (e) for an update on contract negotiations within the Fire Department
5. Adjournment
2. Discussion, with possible action, hiring UWSP Community Research Center to conduct public opinion research survey on state of public safety in Stevens Point

Gary Iitzkowitz provided the Commission with a written proposal for conducting a computerized, random telephone survey of 325 Stevens Point residents on the state of public safety in Stevens Point. The total cost of this telephone survey would be \$6,500.00. Included in the costs are the following:

- provide technical assistance in survey design to ensure the survey questions are methodologically sound and designed for use in a telephone survey
- train telephone survey staff to conduct surveys
- test and maintain computerized system to ensure full function
- create a data base and analyze the data
- issue a final report of findings
- make presentation to the Police and Fire Commission

The survey would take approximately one month.

The Police Department received a \$9,200.00 federal stimulus grant specifically allocated for IT projects. This money will allow the Commission to take the \$6,500.00 from the PFC administrative services IT budget to fund the survey.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Wescott, to hire UWSP Community Research Center to conduct a public opinion research survey on the state of public safety in Stevens Point at a cost of \$6,500.00.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Further discussion regarding developing a five year strategic direction plan for public safety services in Stevens Point

The Commission briefly reviewed the five (5) Long Term Objectives, Strategies, Sub-Strategies and time line for completion of the long-term objectives.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve the work to date on the PFC Strategic Direction for Public Safety. The Commission will continue the strategic direction process by beginning work on the Gantt charts.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Adjourn into closed session (approximately 4:30 p.m.) pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sections 19.85 (1) (c) and (e) for an update on contract negotiations within the Fire Department.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to adjourn into closed session.

Rice, aye

Schleihs, aye

Taylor, aye

Wescott, aye

Nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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