

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. CONVENE WORK SESSION

Present: Chair Mark Gaylord; Vice-Chair Zerby; Committee Members De La Vega and Kind; SLMPD Interim Chief Siitari and Administrative Supervisor Swanson; Excelsior City Manager Luger; Shorewood City Administrator Joynes and Tonka Bay City Administrator Crawford.

2. 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

Chief Siitari presented a budget that included the hiring of an additional officer and one without the hiring of an additional officer. Residents are complaining that they never see a police officer and would like more neighborhood patrol. Additional traffic enforcement is another common request. It is difficult for officers to meet these requests due to call load and staffing level. Chief Siitari is recommending the budget that includes the hiring of an additional officer based on desired service levels and community safety. Committee members expressed verbal support for the budget proposing an additional hire but were concerned about the 6.1% increase to member cities. Tapping into reserves, using some of the 2014 budget surplus and reallocation of some of the funds were ideas discussed to help defray member city contribution costs necessary for a new hire. Chief Siitari was directed to go back and determine potential cost savings that could be used to help offset the 6.1% increase in member city contributions.

3. OTHER MATTERS – None

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. by Kind, seconded by Zerby. Motion passed 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Swanson