Springfield Police Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 6th, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Springfield Justice Center/Zoom

Committee Members Present: Michelle Webber – Councilor, Cindy Koza – Local Business, Sefiu Ballam – Neighborhood At-Large (2), Eric Adams – Willamalane Parks & Committee Chair, Richard Jones – Neighborhood-At-Large (4), Teresa Dillon – Neighborhood At-Large (3), Jonathan Hayes – Neighborhood At-Large (1)

Not Present: Daniel Davidson – Faith Community & Committee Vice Chair, Josh Aguilar – Cultural Minority Community, Brett Yancey, School District 19

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 6:00 pm. Roll call completed.
2. Minutes for June 6, 2026
    a. Motioned to approve by Terri, Dick seconded, all approved.
3. Business From the Audience
    a. None
4. Business from Springfield PD
    a. SPD Update –Chief Jami Resch
        i. Rearranging of positions, Lieutenant Massey promoted, training sergeant duties being reassigned. Currently have 7 officers in FTEP, meaning 7 coaches are needed for training. Have two lateral officers in backgrounds. Two people in backgrounds for Detention. Records division will need to hire 1 or 2 more.
        ii. National Night Out last week, good turnout. Thankful for partnership with Willamalane for the venue.
        iii. Will be selecting a new K9 in September. Officer Sullivan was selected to be the next K9 handler. Expected to be certified by the end of the year.
        iv. Recent 2024 case resulted in sentencing of 46 years in prison for male subject.
        v. Terri inquired about the open Animal Control position.
            - Chief advised interviews are being held next week. Over 100 applied. Many with prior experience.
        vi. Tiffany noted the Councilor Webber had joined the meeting.
            - Counciler Webber wanted to thank the department for the recent National Night Out event.
5. Business from the Committee
    a. Annual Report sent to City Council in late June.
    b. Term Expirations: Terri's term as Neighborhood-At-Large representative is up at the end of the year and she is not eligible for another term. Cindy's term as Business Community Representative is also up and she is eligible. Daniel's term as Faith Community Representative is also up and he is eligible. City Council is now allowing for direct appointments of those that are eligible for another term.
    c. Jail Policy Review
        i. C 01.04.00, Discipline: Due Process
            - Dick questions the length of time of retention of records

1. Chief advised the timelines are based on Oregon Administrative Rules for Records Retention.

- Dick also questioned the use of Jail Commander vs Jail Lieutenant.
    1. Chief advised they are the same position. Also, currently deciding what that position will be called.

ii. E 01.06.00, Emergency Plans
- Dick was impressed that evacuation locations are already chosen.
- Eric questioned how transportation would work with LTD.
    1. It would require contact with LTD and coordinated effort with patrol, Lane County, etc.
- Jonathan wondered if we've considered doing a mock evacuation involving EMS, LTD, etc.
    1. Chief advised she would discuss with the Sheriff.

iii. E 01.05.00, Use of Force & Restraints
- Chief stated that this refers to our Use of Force policy.
    1. Eric inquired about medical staff.
        i. We have a contracted medical service that is available 24/7.
    2. Dick inquired about mental health staff.
        i. Not 24/7 but have the ability to contact 24/7 through our medical contract.
    3. Eric wondered if there's an acronym index in the manual.
        i. Tiffany advised since we are not reviewing the whole manual it's a little confusing as the terms are defined at their first use in the document.
        ii. Chief advised if they have questions when reviewing they can contact Chief of Tiffany for clarification.
    4. Jonathan inquired about the monitoring of AICs in the restraint chair and wondered if medical staff has a ZOLL monitor or pulse ox monitor so the medical staff are not being exposed to combative individuals.
        i. Chief advised when they are in the restraint chair, they are kept in the booking area but she will check with medical staff.
    5. He also wondered if their medical records are available for the medical staff to access.
        i. Chief stated they have access to those records.
    6. Jonathan wondered about section I and if there's the ability to use chemical sedation prior to the two-hour mark?
        i. Chief advised they could do that if they considered that a safer option than the restraint chair. And it doesn't prohibit them from doing something else.

ii. She also advised that the use of the restraint chair has mainly been for blood draws, so it is rare that AICs are in it for a length of time.

6. Member Information Share Opportunity
    a. Councilor Webber advised Council has been on recess and will be returning in September. Expressed her appreciation for the National Night Out event and all the partners that contributed to the event.
    b. Cindy Koza shared that her company has been attempting to license their downtown office as a mental health office for those with developmental disabilities, but they were denied by Trillium because "there's not a need for additional mental health providers in Lane County". Appeal has been also denied.
    c. Jonathan Hayes discussed the potential that Eugene/Springfield Fire may separate, still trying to find a resolution, but their service has not changed.
    d. Seifu Ballam wants to share a recent experience with a car accident and that he was very impressed with the emergency services and police response.
    e. Terri Dillon wanted to share that Patient Pet Advocates is hosting a yard sale this Saturday as their main fundraiser on G Street across from Two Rivers.
    f. Dick Jones observed the positive new articles that he has seen recently through press releases. Inquired about CHETT program. Heard that Coburg is also starting a CHETT program. Discussion around better publicizing the use of CHETT funds.
    g. Councilor Webber advised this might be a great opportunity for the Council and Mayor. They'd be more than happy to help out.
    h. Eric Adams advised they recently had a productive planning meeting involving SPD, Planning, SPS, about educational campaigns around e-mobility devices. Materials and signage are forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned 18:47 pm.