

THE MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERLAND
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AT 9119 LACKLAND ROAD, OVERLAND, MO

ROLL CALL

Ennis	Owensby
Little	Moore
Fetsch	Gerke
Ridolfi	Dills

DISCUSSION: Police Department

Mayor Schneider introduced Andy Mackey as the new Chief of the Police Department. He stated the Police Department is part of our identity of the City of Overland and it is not the City's intention to outsource police services.

Chief Mackey stated he would like to concentrate certain people for proactive police service. We won't be able to be proactive in all aspects, but it will be a big part of the department's focus. We would like to continue and reopen CERT and Citizens Police Academy. He stated he had received the recommendation to have a business liaison.

Councilman Ennis asked about making businesses police substation. He noted QT at Midland & Woodson doesn't seem to have a sign any longer.

Councilman Ennis put a police car that is not in service, parked on the side of the road in a school zone, so slow down traffic.

Chief Mackey stated they are working on getting more radar trailers; anything to assist with slowing traffic down.

Councilman Ennis would like one of our black patrol vehicles to be used in the school zone. Chief Mackey explained we don't always have an extra marked patrol vehicle.

Mayor Schneider opened the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance.

A request was made for extra patrol on side streets for speeding.

Councilman Little asked what proactive policing means regarding drugs and violent crimes. Chief Mackey replied it would be a special operations unit, officers that would not typically respond to radio calls for service but would watch for specific people and activity. It has been done with success within

the City before and he plans to add that type of policing once again in the future, stating directed units are effective.

Councilman Fetsch requested more community-oriented policing; officers stopping to speak with residents when they see them in their neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Ridolfi stated she looks forward to a new, fresh start for the Police Department and expressed hope communication would remain open between the department and other departments with officers sharing information with code enforcement inspectors if the officers notice a property maintenance or other code enforcement issue.

Councilwoman Gerke asked if officers are in one or two officer vehicles. Chief Mackey stated outside of field training of new officers, there is typically only a single officer per vehicle. Officers are patrolling the City until they receive a call for service. Depending on the type of call, there may be at least two officers respond and it is not unusual for some calls to take several hours.

Councilwoman Gerke stated she would like to see more patrol on side streets.

Councilman Dills expressed concern about speeding in Midland Valley.

Councilwoman Ridolfi stated she hasn't seen a police officer in her neighborhood in a long time, but her neighborhood hasn't had a lot of crime. She expressed concern they may have a rise in crime if there aren't more patrols.

Councilman Owensby requested increased patrols in Brooks Park to stop vandalism and drug activity.

Mayor Schneider opened the floor to those in attendance.

A request was made to stop motorized wheelchairs from speeding in the street.

A comment was made that communication between Police Departments needs to be increased.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Owensby made a motion adjourn the Work Session to Executive Session for the purposes of legal action, in accordance with RSMo 610.021(1), personnel matters, in accordance with RSMo 610.021(3), and negotiations with employee groups, in accordance with RSMo 610.021(9). Councilman Ennis seconded the motion. Mayor Schneider polled the vote as follows: Ennis - "yes," Little - "yes," Fetsch - "yes," Ridolfi - "yes," Owensby - "yes," Moore - "yes," Gerke - "yes," and Dills - "yes." Motion carried.