

**City of Phoenix  
General Obligation Bond Committee  
Public Safety Subcommittee  
Summary Minutes  
Monday, August 15, 2022**

City Council Chambers  
200 W. Jefferson St.  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Subcommittee Members Present

Mr. Steve Beuerlein, Chair  
Mr. Rick DeGraw  
Ms. Anne Ender  
Mr. Greg Jackson  
Ms. Gail Knight  
Mr. Alton Washington  
Hon. Thelda Williams

Subcommittee Members Absent

Hon. Daniel Valenzuela  
Mr. Derrick Hall

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Steve Beuerlein called the Public Safety Subcommittee to order at 9:03 a.m. with committee members Rick DeGraw, Anne Ender, Greg Jackson, Gail Knight, Alton Washington, and Thelda Williams present

**2. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Chair Beuerlein introduced himself and thanked Mayor, Council, and staff. He advised subcommittee members that staff will only provide reports on new projects at the direction of the subcommittee and explained that prioritized needs exceed the \$500 million GO Bond total, so the subcommittee should avoid growing the total program that would ultimately be recommended to the Executive Committee.

Chair Beuerlein asked the subcommittee members to introduce themselves.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

Chair Beuerlein instructed the subcommittee to elect a Vice Chair.

Committee member DeGraw nominated Committee member Ender as Vice Chair. Committee member Williams seconded the motion.

Committee member Knight asked if an additional nomination could be made.

Assistant City Manager Lori Bays stated action must be taken on the motion already on the table before subsequent substitute motions could be made.

Chief Assistant City Attorney Julie Kriegh stated Committee member Knight must refrain from participating or voting due to not yet submitting her signed oath of office.

The motion passed 7-0, with Committee member Knight abstaining.

#### **4. CAPITAL NEEDS STUDY**

Chair Beuerlein introduced Assistant City Manager Lori Bays to present on the Capital Needs Study for Police and Fire. Ms. Bays introduced Assistant Police Chief Michael Kurtenbach.

Chief Kurtenbach gave a presentation on the four prioritized projects in the Capital Needs Study for Police, including the Cactus Park Precinct and Northern Command Station, Maryvale Police Precinct renovations, Police Driver Training Track, and the Property Management Warehouse.

Committee member DeGraw asked if the Police prioritized projects of \$81 million is part of total bond fund total. Chief Kurtenbach confirmed that was correct.

Executive Assistant Fire Chief Scott Walker gave a presentation on the Fire Department's four prioritized projects in the Capital Needs Study, including Fire Station 7 and Community Assistance Program (CAP) location, Fire Station 13 and CAP location, Fire Station 15 and CAP location, and a new Fire Station 51.

After the presentation, Ms. Bays corrected the response regarding the total cost for the Police Department's prioritized needs, which total \$75.3 million and not \$81 million.

Ms. Bays then presented on public safety future capital projects so that the subcommittee would be fully aware of what the needs are. She reminded the subcommittee that their role is to complete a recommendation for the executive committee by the final meeting.

Chair Beuerlein opened the floor for subcommittee comments and discussion.

Committee member DeGraw made a motion to add three more fire stations to the projects, which include renovations at Station 40, new Stations 70 and 74 as well as an increase in funding for the Police Driver Training Academy, increasing the current request by \$46 million.

Chair Beuerlein gave instruction to hold off on the motion to allow staff to return with additional information first.

Vice Chair Ender stated the 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor plan is critical to Cactus Park Precinct and should be considered. She also requested calls for service information for each capital need in question for both Fire and Police.

Committee member Williams asked staff if there was a preset amount for how much this committee can fund. She also requested response time information from other surrounding cities.

Committee member Washington requested additional information on the automatic aid program.

Chair Beuerlein recognized Police Chief Jeri Williams and Fire Chief Michael Duran and all public safety personnel for their support and dedication to the community.

Chair Beuerlein reminded the committee about the limitations of funding availability.

Chair Beuerlein asked Chief Walker for clarification regarding response times in the presentation between the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Chief Walker discussed standard response times set by NFPA for fire engines and advanced life units and explained that Phoenix follows standards set by AZDHS for ambulance transport since ambulances are not regulated or measured by NFPA.

Chair Beuerlein requested a report from staff showing the impact of each facility in the Capital Needs Study on citizens when fully staffed.

Ms. Bays responded that all requests made by the subcommittee will be provided.

## **5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chair Beuerlein opened the floor for public comment and Assistant City Attorney Julie Krieger explained the rules for public comment.

Stacia Hurst expressed support for funding regular and ongoing facility maintenance.

Ben Lindquist spoke in favor of adding the additional fire stations from the Future Capital Needs Study to the current bond request.

Anna Hernandez expressed opposition to additional funding for Police and recommended directing funds to other services such as housing, parks, and climate action.

Heidi Richardson spoke in support of increasing the number of first responders citywide by a ratio of responders to residents.

Timothy Gammage supported funding for Fire and its projects to reduce response times.

## **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Bays recapped the requests from subcommittee members and answered Committee member Williams's question regarding the preset amount of bond money for the subcommittee. Ms. Bays explained that \$500 million is the total amount allocated but no specific amount has been given for each of the eight subcommittees.

Chair Beuerlein adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.