The Public Safety Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Seabrook Fire Station #1, 1850 East Meyer, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

LAURA DAVIS	CHAIRPERSON
RAY COOK	SVFD FIRE CHIEF
NONA HOLOMON (absent)	CHIEF OF POLICE
ROY HUNTER	CLEMC CHIEF
GARRY MACK	SVFD PRESIDENT
JEFF GALYEAN	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
DON HOLBROOK	COUNCIL MEMBER
SEAN WRIGHT	POLICE CAPTAIN
TOM MERCHANT (absent)	EL LAGO REPRESENTATIVE
MEREDITH BRANT	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

Chairperson Laura Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review submitted Public Safety Fund Requests.

Councilor Holbrook submitted two items for approval:

- 6 - 1300 LM LED spotlights at a cost of $540
- 3 - 10 x 10 tarps in different colors for triage at a cost of $400

Councilor Holbrook stated that both these items were at the request of C.E.R.T. but will benefit all entities. If approved, these items will be included in the next budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Captain Wright

To approve as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

2. Consider re-allocating $15,000 of the Public Safety Fund for an electronic message sign for final approval by City Council on March 20, 2012.

Captain Wright gave the background, stating that the original intention was to use $15,000 for 800MHz repeaters and while they could have been purchased, they [~~could not be used because Harris County would not support them~~] **became less of a priority because they could not be used on the trunking system**. It was determined that they would not be an appropriate use of these funds. He stated that due to construction and emergency situations, the electronic message board would be valuable. He proposed the purchase of a solar tech message board which has a five-year warranty. It is a simple set-up with a computer onboard. The actual cost is $17,000 and if approved by council, it will be paid out of the 2011-2012 budget.

Motion was made by Chief Cook and seconded by Mr. Mack

To approve as presented.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

3. Discuss Public Safety Fund reserves.

Mr. Mack questioned how the reserves would be established and used.

Chairperson Davis stated that currently the reserve is ten percent of the Public Safety Fund although that is subject to change as the fund grows. In the future it may be an established amount as opposed to a percentage. The reserve fund may be used for maintenance of equipment not covered by a warranty within the first year of purchase and requires approval by the city manager.

4. Discuss training issues for NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliance.

Jeff Galyean explained that the Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) stipulates the amount of training and now requires three training exercises; submission of a three-year training cycle; multi-jurisdictional training; and actual events can no longer be used toward credit. In the near future there will be a drill at City Hall and other large-scale exercises. The city will be teaming with Nassau Bay, Webster and El Lago in order to meet state requirements for inter-operability.

Councilor Holbrook stated that C.E.R.T. is working with the Red Cross to become certified to run a shelter.

5. Update on specifications for the mobile command unit.

Mr. Galyean stated that he will be attending a Homeland Security Emergency Management conference which will enable him to become familiar with the various features of a mobile command unit.

6. Finalize recommendations for use of remaining bond funds to present to City Council.

Chief Cook recommended the following items for purchase with the remaining bond funds:

- APX 7000 portable radios for officers (3 @ $7,000 ea.) $21,000
- Storz Hydrant adaptors (est. 500 @ $300 ea.) $150,000
- Hydraulic Rescue Tool replacement $110,000
- XTS 5000 800 MHz Portable radios (20 @ $6,000 ea.) $120,000
- Mobile Data Terminals (12 @$4,800 ea.) $57,600
- Mounts for MDT's (12 @ $200 ea.) $2,400

Chief Cook stated that the cost of these items is $461,000 and a contingency of $9,000 is recommended, for a total of $470,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Galyean and seconded by Mr. Mack

To approve the use of remaining bond funds as recommended.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

This item will be place on the City Council agenda of April 3, 2012.

7. Update on events affecting public safety since last meeting.

8. Review/approve minutes of the Public Safety meeting of February 8, 2012.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Mr. Mack

To approve the minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

9. Future meeting dates and agenda items.

The next meeting will be April 11 and agenda items should include:

- Routine Items
- Discuss a plan forward for the next phase of ISO reduction.
- Amateur radio operator facility
- SAFER grant
- Mobile Command Unit

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Laura Davis, Chairperson

Meredith Brant

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Assistant City Secretary