



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

Sept. 20, 2016 | 6:30 p.m.

City of Powell Municipal Building Council Chambers | 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Councilmembers Frank Bertone, Brendan Newcomb, Daniel Swartwout, Tom Counts and Jim Hrivnak, Mayor Brian Lorenz, City Manager Steve Lutz, Police Chief Gary Vest, City Clerk Karen Mitchell, Communications Director Megan Canavan, and other interested parties.

I. BODY CAMERA PRESENTATION

Police Chief Gary Vest presented information regarding body cameras. The committee that worked on researching body cameras for the Police Department selected the WatchGuard body cameras. The pros of WatchGuard include: activates with in-car cameras, replaces current body mic, adjustable lens turret, operated well in testing, best video and panorama, covert mode (daylight vs. nighttime), and files body and in-car video together. There was only one con: bulky design, but wouldn't be a problem on a duty belt.

The Police Department would like to minimize the transition time from the old system to the new and implement the in-car video at the same time as body cameras. The current plan calls for the department to begin with seven in-car/body cam bundles plus one additional body camera. The remaining amount of body cameras would be added in the 2018 budget cycle.

II. SAWMILL ROAD

Operations Committee Chair and Councilman Frank Bertone discussed the safety concerns along Sawmill Road, specifically at Attucks Drive and Presidential Parkway. The intersections are maintained by Delaware County. The County conducted a study at the Attucks Drive intersection and it did not warrant a stop sign. The Committee wants the County to re-assess these interchanges.

III. LECHLER BUILDING

City Manager Steve Lutz provided a voted capital improvement budget update to the committee. There is approximately \$1.6 million available in the budget for the Park at Seldom Seen, pedestrian railroad crossing at Murphy Parkway and the Lechler Building Improvements. The Committee requested that cheaper alternatives be considered and brought back to the committee for review for the Lechler Building.

IV. JADE TRACK PROPOSAL

The Committee ran out of time and was unable to discuss the Jade Track proposal. Councilman Daniel Swartwout commented he would not participate in the Jade Track discussion to an ethical conflict of interest.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.