

**COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
Pine Conference Room  
November 7, 2011**

A meeting of the **Council Subcommittee on Public Safety** for the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened by Chairman Ron Aames in open and public session at 8401 West Monroe, Peoria, Arizona, on November 7, 2011 at 5:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Councilmember Ron Aames, Councilmember Carlo Leone, and Councilmember Joan Evans

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Carl Swenson, City Manager; Roy Minter, Police Chief; Rocky Smith, Deputy Police Chief; Barbara Benavidez, Executive Assistant; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; and Terri Smith, Council Assistant.

**Audience:** Approximately 8 members of the public and five city staff

***NOTE: The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.***

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilmember Evans and seconded by Councilmember Leone to approve the consent agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 3 to 0.

**Minutes:**

**1C Minutes**

Item 1C was approved as part of the consent agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2R False Alarm Ordinance Change Review**

Chief Minter provided national statistics about rising numbers of false alarm calls. Deputy Chief Rocky Smith provided local false alarm statistics, including the cost for Peoria Police to respond to those calls. Mr. Kemp gave historical information about how

Peoria's ordinance was developed and how the fees for excessive false alarms were adopted and now collected. Mr. Kemp reported that there are currently 8600 alarm permits in the city, which is estimated to be approximately 75% of all premises with alarms. Mr. Kemp proposes that the ordinance be amended so that the alarm company collect the permit fee from the subscriber at installation, and then submit the permit to the city. Deputy Chief Smith described the Enhanced Call Verification (ECV), which requires alarm companies to attempt contact to no less than two provided phone numbers for alarm activations prior to contacting the Peoria Police Department. Deputy Chief Smith explained that the ECV is expected to reduce the number of false alarm calls by 25 – 40%, thereby saving the city approximately 800-1200 FTE hours. Maria Malice, President and Susan Brenton, Director of the Arizona Alarm Association voiced support of the use of ECV. Resident Joe Puckett inquired about how ECV would impact emergency response to "trouble alarms." Ms. Malice explained that "trouble alarms" are silent alarms in which the alarm company immediately contacts police, with no call to the residence; this would not change with ECV. Resident Eva Osuna inquired if the city could control the increased levies for required permits by the alarm companies. Mr. Kemp indicated that could be reviewed if the amended ordinance is approved. Councilmember Evans proposed that an amended ordinance to implement ECV and increase false alarm fees be brought to the full City Council in a study session.

### **3R Future Agenda Items**

Chairman Aames and Chief Minter will meet to discuss agenda items for future subcommittee meetings.

#### **Reports from Staff:**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council Subcommittee, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Ron Aames, Chairperson

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Terri Smith, Council Assistant