

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6pm.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors John Hanlon, Peter Napolitano, Michael Mclaughlin.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael Mclaughlin: That the Mayor appear at this meeting to discuss what can be done on Friday's in regards to public safety issues when City Hall is closed.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Kevin O'Donnell was also present.

Councilor Mclaughlin referenced a resident that spoke during the public participation portion of a previous Council meeting expressing concern that City hall was closed on a Friday when they had a water related emergency and didn't know how to reach anybody at City Hall. Mr. O'Donnell noted that he spoke to that resident after that meeting and stated to the Committee that it was the first incident like this that he was aware of. He explained that Inspectional Services worked seven days a week however the 311 line was only operational until noon on Fridays. He suggested that residents call the fire or police business phone lines if they receive no answer at City hall phone lines who then could direct the appropriate response to the urgent issues. Councilor Mclaughlin suggested advertising this on ECTV, local newspapers as well as monthly water bills and Mr. O'Donnell concurred and remarked that it should be done every 4 to 6 months to insure new residents are aware. Councilor Napolitano stated that these are things that need to be addressed especially where residents are unfamiliar with the fire and police business lines. Mr. O'Donnell acknowledged that robo calls were another option but declared that approximately 70% of the residents no longer have landlines.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer back to Sponsor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephen Simonelli: That his Honor the Mayor, or someone from his office appear at this Committee meeting with an update on the improvements to Air Force Road, as well as other work that is needed in that area.

DPW Executive Director Greg St. Louis, Traffic Planner Jay Monty and Councilor Stephen Simonelli, the Sponsor were also present.

Mr. St. Louis informed the Committee that the environmental permitting for the culvert drainage issue was expected to take at least six months before any construction would begin. He noted that the new park being constructed by WYNN Resorts is about 75% complete and that the redesign of the bike crossing open was currently undergoing a design review and permitting process but reconstruction was expected to be completed by the opening of the casino. Councilor Hanlon informed the guests that any traffic related issues for Air Force Road should be reviewed and done by the Traffic Commission. Councilor McLaughlin expressed concern that the Rivergreen offsite parking lot being constructed by WYNN Resorts was expected to accommodate 600+ vehicles and that the needed construction or road improvements wouldn't be completed in time by the resort opening. Mr. Monty stated that he was optimistic that the work on bike path crossing could be done pretty quickly.

The Committee voted: To grant further time until the June Committee meeting and to invite Mr. St. Louis and Mr. Monty to that meeting for an update.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael McLaughlin: That his Honor the Mayor and CFO appear at this meeting to give an update on any recommendations that have been made from the School Review Commission, and to see if an audit has been done on the School Department, and if a blue ribbon commission has been formed to address school funding going forward.

Organization Development Director Omar Easy was also present.

Councilor McLaughlin requested further time since the Mayor and Mr Demas were in a Training session and unable to attend.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

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