

NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager
DATE: October 26, 2022
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Ann Wall, City Manager, regarding Compute North
2. An agenda for the Police Community Relations Committee meeting on November 8th and minutes from the September 13th and October 11th meetings


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Attachments



Find yourself in good company

Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ann E. Walk  City Manager
DATE: October 26, 2022
SUBJECT: Compute North

At the October 13, 2022 City Council meeting, Councilmember Blackburn read a statement about Compute North and its bankruptcy filing and posed several questions to City staff. The questions and staff responses are listed below:

Question: Is the City of Greenville among the creditors for the Compute North bankruptcy filing?

Response: The City Attorney discussed this matter, Compute North's (Debtor) filing of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, with the Debtor's attorney. Compute North named the City as a potential creditor in the bankruptcy proceeding only because of the City's connection to GUC, and Compute North sought a site within the city limits. The Debtor's attorney reports that bankruptcy records presently show that Compute North does not owe the City any money. City staff is not aware of any debt owed by Compute North to the City.

Question: Did the City of Greenville provide money or anything of value to Compute North?

Response: The City of Greenville has not provided any money or anything of value to Compute North. This has been verified by all City departments. City staff assisted Compute North and the Greenville ENC Alliance with a zoning text amendment through answering questions, providing clarifications, and reviewing language, as we do with all applicants for zoning, map, and text changes. The Greenville ENC Alliance paid the fee for the zoning text amendment. Compute North received an erosion control permit and paid the fee.

Question: If so, who approved this transaction and when did the approval take place?

Response: No transaction was approved.

Question: What reason or purpose was given or existed for the City to provide money or other item of value to Compute North?

Response: The City has not provided any money or item of value to Compute North.

Question: What steps will the City take to pursue the return of money owed?

Response: City staff is not aware of any debt owed by Compute North to the City of Greenville.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed. Thank you.

○ Police Community Relations Committee Presents:

Internal

Affairs

- Responsibilities of Internal Affairs
- 2021 IA statistics
- How we receive complaints
- How use of force incidents are processed
- How the use of technology assists with IA investigations
- What is our most common complaint?
- How can our citizens assist Internal Affairs?



Greenville
NORTH CAROLINA
POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOV 8 • 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

**GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
500 W. 5TH STREET**



POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Greenville City Council Chambers
200 West Fifth Street
Greenville, NC 27834

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of the Agenda – November 8, 2022
- Introduction of Committee members
- Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2022
- **Presentation: Internal Affairs**
Presenter: Lt. Dale Mills – Internal Affairs
- Community members Expression and Questions
- Next Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – City Hall Conference Room 337
- Adjourn

NOTE: To maintain order of the board and clarity of recording, please allow one person to speak at a time.

The Police Committee Relations Committee Mission Statement:

Serve as a liaison between the community and the police. To serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve relations between the community and the police. To disseminate information to the community and the City with regard to the state of relations between the community and the Greenville Police Department. To assist and promote the community education efforts concerning safety awareness and community and individual awareness.



City of Greenville Police Community Relations Committee

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Greenville City Council Chambers
200 West Fifth Street, Greenville, NC 27834

Committee Members Present:

Carol Ann Naipaul (Chair)	District 2
Sonny Bass (Vice Chair)	District 5
Betsy Ray	Mayoral
Diane Kulik	At-Large

Committee Members Absent:

Gary Davis	District 3
Sterling Ruffin	District 4

City Staff Members Present:

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls, Staff Liaison
Assistant City Attorney Donald K. Phillips
Community Projects Coordinator, Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison
Deputy City Manager, Michael Cowin
Major David Bowen
SRO – W.G. Smith
SRO – A.M. Allen
SRO – D.J. Edwards

The Police Community Relations Committee met on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Greenville City Council Chambers. Chairperson Carol Naipaul called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Devinder Culver called the roll call.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Diane Kulik made a motion to approve the agenda. Betsy Ray seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting. She introduced Interim Chief Sauls who led the discussion on school safety. Interim Chief Sauls introduced the other panelists.

Dr. Ethan Lenker	- Pitt County Superintendent Schools
Lt. Michael Montanye	- GPD Strategic Services & SRO Supervisor
Karen Harrington	- Pitt County Schools Director of Psychologists

The panelists provided an overview of measures undertaken to secure the safety of our students. Issues/concerns covered included:

School Resource Officers (SRO): Their training, deployment and focus were discussed. Each Pitt

County school now has an SRO. Pitt County SRO's were praised by an evaluation team that was evaluating PCS disciplinary procedures. The team stressed that the Pitt County SRO's were different to others they had seen because of their commitment to forging relationships and building rapport with the students.

- Focus on campus safety
- Rapid deployment – Partnerships with all law enforcement agencies ensure a rapid coordinated response to incidents.

-Pitt County Schools (PCS): Training for teachers and children. In addition to other safety trainings there are two lockdown drills per year. One is announced and the other is unannounced.

- See something, hear something, and say something
- Anonymous Tip Line
- Resiliency Program
- Metal detectors
- Cell phones at school
- School threat assessments
- 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
- Bullying Prevention

Interim Chief Sauls thanked the panel, those in the audience and the PCRC Committee for their time. A special “Thank you” went out to Ms Diane Kulik for all her hard work in putting together this presentation.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul expressed her thanks to the panel and recognized Ms Beth Ulffers who had so graciously shared the meeting information with all the PCS parents.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul shared her experiences with her children and school. She emphasized the importance of building relationships between the teachers, the principals and the counselors and to always keep the lines of communication open.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul reminded everyone of the PCRC mission and asked for a motion to approve the minutes for May 10, 2022. Diane Kulik made a motion to approve the minutes. Betsy Ray seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul mentioned that the topic for next month would be “Chat with the Chief” and that the December 13, 2022 meeting would be a planning and elections session that would be held in Conference Room 337, 3rd Floor, 200 West Fifth Street, Greenville.

Vice Chair Sonny Bass mentioned that he was working on the November 8, 2022 presentation.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul asked for a motion to adjourn. Diane Kulik made a motion to adjourn. Betsy Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Devinder Culver
Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison



City of Greenville Police Community Relations Committee

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Committee Members Present:

Carol Ann Naipaul (Chair)	District 2
Sonny Bass (Vice Chair)	District 5
Betsy Ray	Mayoral
Diane Kulik	At-Large
Mark Parker	District 1

Committee Members Absent:

Gary Davis	District 3
Sterling Ruffin	District 4

City Staff Members Present:

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls, Staff Liaison
Assistant City Attorney Donald K. Phillips, Staff Liaison
Community Projects Coordinator, Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison
Major David Bowen
Officer M. George
Sgt. C. Liverman
Sgt. B. Quick

The Police Community Relations Committee met on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Greenville City Council Chambers. Chairperson Carol Naipaul called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Devinder Culver called the roll call.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Diane Kulik made a motion to approve the agenda. Sonny Bass seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul asked the Committee members to introduce themselves.

Mrs. Naipaul then asked for a motion to approve the minutes for September 13, 2022. Diane Kulik made a motion to approve the minutes. Sonny Bass seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She introduced Interim Chief Sauls who began the discussion with a question to the audience. He asked what they thought was the number one issue brought to the Greenville Police Department by the public. Everyone was surprised to hear that it was speeding and the associated issues such as speeding, loud mufflers and vehicular issues.

Interim Chief Sauls mentioned that his main concerns were violent crime (inclusive of gun crime), property crimes and traffic safety and enforcement. A lively discussion followed, highlights of which are given below.

Violent Crimes –Gun crimes have seen a slight up-tick. Citizens can help reduce gun related crimes by reducing the opportunities for guns to get into the wrong hands, be they children or criminals by securing guns safely, using gun safes, lock boxes and gun safety locks. Citizens should lock their homes and vehicles to prevent theft of firearms.

Major Bowen mentioned that the Greenville Police Department (GPD) was a member of the Pitt County Firearm Safety Coalition an organization that promotes gun safety. He said that GPD had some gun locks for distribution.

Officer George spoke about “straw purchases,” ghost guns and sentencing related to gun trafficking.

Interim Chief Sauls informed the group that GPD was still utilizing ShotSpotter. It is a great tool because on average only 20% of incidents are ever reported by citizens. ShotSpotter fills the data gap because it can detect, locate and alert police to all gunshot incidents within range.

There was a short dialogue related to the use of a Taser versus a gun. Interim Chief Sauls explained how every situation is different based on many variables such as, distance, attitude of assailant and threat level.

Property Crimes – Citizens are encouraged to lock their homes and vehicles to prevent theft.

Traffic Safety/Enforcement – The discussion centered on speed, injuries, registration, vehicle issues, traffic spots and knowing your rights when stopped. Interim Chief Sauls mentioned that there were many ways to educate the public about their rights. One way to reach young drivers was to teach them their rights during driver’s education classes in the schools.

Red Light Cameras – There was a short dialogue about the program and whether it was still in effect. Interim Chief Sauls emphasized that it is still in effect at the five intersections. He stated that the registered owner of the vehicle is responsible for any violations and not the driver.

Recruitment – Interim Chief Sauls mentioned that GPD is actively hiring and asked everyone to share this information with potential candidates. He thanked the audience for their time.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul expressed her thanks to Interim Chief Sauls and the Committee. She reminded everyone of the next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, Tuesday November 8, 2022 and asked for a motion to adjourn. Diane Kulik made a motion to adjourn. Betsy Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Devinder Culver
Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison