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Memorandum

September 1, 2017

TO: City Council Member Laith Alfaqih, Chair
Law and Safety Committee of City Council

FROM: Brian K. Riblet, Interim City Manager BKR

SUBJECT: Law and Safety Committee Meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2017

As a reminder, the Law and Safety Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Those agenda items to be discussed include:

1. Discussion of Fire Fund and Fire Levy— Fire Chief Paul Wright and Assistant Fire Chief Ben Shapiro will be present to discuss the Fire Fund, proposed Fire Levy and staffing issues with the Committee.

2. Other Business—The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity to discuss any issue or ask any questions that may be on your mind.

Also attached are the minutes from the August 7, 2017 meeting of the Committee for review and approval at Monday's meeting.

Should you have questions or concerns prior to the agenda topic, or have additional items to be discussed at the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

C: Law and Safety Committee Members (3)
Mayor and City Council Members (4)
John Crowell, Police Chief
Paul Wright, Fire Chief
Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
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# AGENDA

**September 5, 2017**
**Montgomery City Hall**
**10101 Montgomery Road**

**4:30 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Guests and Residents**
3. **Communications**
4. **New Business**
   a. Discussion of Fire Fund and Fire Levy
5. **Old Business**
6. **Approval of Minutes:** August 7, 2017
7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

*These minutes are a draft of the proposed minutes from the Law and Safety Committee of the City Council meeting. They do not represent the official record of proceedings until formally adopted by the Law and Safety Committee of City Council. Formal adoption is noted by signature of the Chair within the minutes.*

City of Montgomery
Law and Safety Committee of City Council Meeting
August 7, 2017

**Present**
Brian Riblet, Acting City Manager
Paul Wright, Fire Chief
John Crowell, Chief of Police
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

**Committee Members Present**
Laith Alfaqih, Chair
Gerri Harbison
Ken Suer

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The meeting of the Law and Safety Committee of City Council convened in Council Chambers at 3:30 p.m. with Chairman Alfaqih presiding.

**Discussion of Traffic Monitoring**

Chairman Alfaqih asked Police Chief Crowell to update the Committee on current traffic monitoring processes in regards to texting and driving, and stop sign and speed enforcement.

Chief Crowell explained that the Ohio Revised Code: 4511.204 states that texting and driving is a secondary offense only citable with a primary offense. He stated that the code permits the use of the phone if the phone is being used for GPS directions, voice calls and voice to text operations. He stated that this is very hard to prove when conducting a traffic stop. Chief Crowell reported that only 60 tickets have been issued by the State Highway Patrol for phone violations in 2016, statewide. Chief Crowell also explained that the State Supreme Court follows state law so the City would not be able to pass legislation that would override the state law.

Mr. Alfaqih asked about monitoring of stop sign violations and speed.

Chief Crowell explained that Officer Scott Bierer has been assigned the post of Traffic Enforcement Officer. He stated although all officers work to enforce the speed and traffic laws, they are often called away for other emergencies. Officer Bierer's focus will be strictly on traffic enforcement and responding to high complaint areas. Officer Bierer comes from a State Highway Patrol background and is very experienced in traffic enforcement.

Mr. Suer stated that he felt the electronic speed signs were very effective in bringing awareness to motorists of their speed, and suggested that the police department looked to purchase additional signs to use in enforcement efforts. Mr. Suer also suggested increasing education efforts in the Montgomery Bulletin that may highlight the fines of the various traffic violations, increase in insurance costs and statistics to the number of citations issued.

**Minutes**

Mrs. Harbison made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting. Mr. Suer seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

**Other Business**

Fire Chief Paul Wright reported that fire department staff will be participating in an Active Shooter drill at Bethesda North on September 13. He stated that this process will be conducted in a controlled environment in conjunction with Bethesda North staff and security personnel.

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Chief Wright also reported that he would like to come back to the Committee in September with a report on a possible Fire Levy for 2018. He stated that staff has met to discuss the needs and levy process and will be prepared to present to the Committee in September.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Alfaqih asked if there was any further business to discuss. There being none, Mr. Suer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Law and Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

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Chair of Law and Safety Committee of City Council