

Minutes
Ames Resident Police Advisory Committee
Room 135, City Hall
Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Call to Order:

This meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by chair Emily Rebollozo. Members present were Virginia Speight, Chunhui Xiang, William Arce, Edna Clinton, Tim Rasmussen, and Roberto Dubiel (arrived at 5:46pm). Police Chief Goeff Huff was also present.

Approval of the July 13th, 2022 minutes

It was approved by Tim Rasmussen, second William Arce, to approve the minutes of the July 6th, 2022 meeting. Vote on motion 6-0. Motion carried.

Review of the complaint process

Chief Huff provided an overview of the citizen's complaint process and provided a copy of the Citizen's Complaint form. Chief Huff reviewed Personnel Complaint/Internal Affairs Policy 1010. Chief Huff noted the finding "not involved" was shown in the follow up form, but not in Policy. This was updated in policy 1010.6.4. Committee discussed process of requesting video footage and public records, working with the Union, and disciplinary options. Chief Huff discussed the possibility of the committee members getting a city email to allow the public to file a complaint through a committee member, if the person wants to remain anonymous.

Review of officer shifts and leave

Chief Huff provided an overview of shifts, Officers bidding for shifts, and seniority for bidding. He also noted that the shifts rotate days on and off to stay away from Officers always working certain days. Chief Huff reviewed with the committee leave with pay and discipline of an officer.

Review of rights of peace officers & public & emergency personnel

Chief Huff reviewed the Peace officers, public safety, and emergency personnel bill of rights. Committee discussed use of evidence and processed scenarios where this bill of rights would be used. Committee members asked follow up questions on sections within the code. Chief Huff updated the changes on Miranda Rights and when it actually applies.

Closed Session

Chief Huff indicated that a memo had been provided by City Attorney Mark Lambert indicating there was a legal basis to enter Closed Session. She reported that the memo cited Sections 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(g), *Code of Iowa*, as justification to enter Closed Session to review records that are authorized to be kept confidential and to avoid disclosure of certain law enforcement matters.

It was moved by Edna Clinton, seconded by William Arce, to hold a Closed Session, as provided by Sections 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(g) *Code of Iowa*, to review confidential records and to avoid disclosure of certain law enforcement matters. Vote on motion 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved into Closed Session at 6:54 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:00PM

Committee Member Comments

Will look at continuing scheduling at the next meeting

Upcoming Events

Reviewed ordinance changes for the Cyclone Welcome Weekend, August 19-21 2022. Chief Huff also asked that if any committee members want to come for a ride along to let him know he will coordinate it.

Adjournment

Moved by Tim Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Emily Rebollozo, Committee Chair & Roberto Dubiel, Committee Secretary