

## Minutes

**Asheville City Council Public Safety Committee Meeting  
March 24, 2014  
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Training Room, Municipal Building**

Committee Members: Cecil Bothwell, Jan Davis, Chris Pelly

Guests: Kit Cramer, Tim Sadler, Sab'ra

1. **Approval of the April Minutes:** Councilmember Bothwell motioned to approve the February minutes. Councilmember Pelly seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.
2. **New Business:**
  - a. **Fuel Storage Regulations** – Ken Putnam, Interim Director of Public Works  
Mr. Putnam presented on regulations of above ground fuel storage tanks and the Hominy Creek fuel spill as a follow up to Chief Scott Burnette's February presentation to Council on the same subject. Councilman Bothwell asked if the City kept track of the storage facilities. Chief Burnette affirmed that information on all locations is kept in a database. The Committee instructed staff to forward the report to the full Council.
  - b. **One Side of the Street Garbage Pickup** – Ken Putnam, Interim Director of Public Works  
Mr. Putnam presented a report on analysis of regulating garbage to a single side of the street in order to allow for a reduction in the number of miles traveled by sanitation trucks. Given, various factors on the ground, such a policy would need to be written on a street-by-street basis. Mr. Putnam suggested the Sanitation Division could work with the IT Department to conduct such an analysis, noting that it would take time.
  - c. **APD 2014 Downtown Enhancement Plan** – Chief William Anderson, Chief of Police  
Chief Anderson presented the Department's Downtown Enhancement Plan. By the end of the year all patrol officers will be outfitted with body cameras.  
Councilman Pelly asked about issues around benches downtown. Chief Anderson replied that there have been reports of nescience behaviors around the bench on the corner of Biltmore and Patton, and that APD will work with other departments to review and develop a strategy. City

Manager Gary Jackson said that staff would benchmark best practices for bench placement and that APD would maintain a presence on the corner in question. Chairman Davis requested that staff post a factsheet summarizing the Downtown Enhancement Plan on the City's website.

**5. Public Comment:**

- a.** Kit Cramer thanked the City for its leadership on the Downtown Enhancement Plan and on the graffiti ordinance.
- b.** Tim Sadler thanked APD for the Downtown Enhancement plan and discussed the "safe cam" program's potential.
- c.** Sab'ra n'haRaven discussed the removal of benches and noted that they are used by more than just homeless.

Councilman Pelly asked for a status report in the May meeting on the cleanup phase and discussed the need for a broader approach that provides positive outlets.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM. The next meeting will be 06/02/14.