

FY-95 budget packets had just been received, and were due to be submitted before the next meeting of the public safety committee. Young intends to propose that the Fire Department budget be maintained at the same level, and he will keep the committee apprised of the process.

-Chief Liu distributed copies of the police department's 1993 Activity Report. He described Hal Jones' proposal to add two additional police officers positions and delete one community service officer position. Liu clarified for Mr. Vanasse that he does support this, but will accept what the City Council deems appropriate. Liu advised the committee that he had just submitted the revised police department policy manual to William Hunter. He hopes to have the manual approved by Council before leaving for training in April.

PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEMBER
COMMENTS

-Mr. Wallace commended the 1993 Activity Report for its specific statistics.

-Mr. Gregory echoed praise for the activity report, because it made him more aware of exactly what is happening in the community. He stated that he is troubled by the volume of Minor Consuming Alcohol and DWI.

-General discussion followed about the difficulties in fighting alcoholism and bootlegging. There was general agreement that the problem cannot be solved without interagency and intra-community support.

-Mr. Wallace voiced discouragement that there is only one officer assigned to combat bootlegging, and stated that there should be a police officer on the community task force.

-Chief Liu stated that in July or August he will submit a proposal on community policing, tailored to this issue.

-Mr. Twitchell expressed his thanks to Chief Young for bringing up the topic of road conditions. He also praised the fire department's efforts in smoke detector testing and education, and stated that he believes it has resulted in fewer fires this winter. Twitchell asserted that Council

needs to examine the pay scale for police officers.

motion

M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Twitchell that:

The public safety committee strongly recommends that the police officer pay scale be brought in line with neighboring communities, including not only Anchorage, but communities such as Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow.

Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

-Mr. Vanasse verified the dates that the police chief would be out of town for training.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD (none)

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Off-Road
Vehicle Ordinance

-Chief Liu advised that the ordinance is being compared with those of neighboring communities, and the issue needs the input of this committee.

-Mr. Vanasse reviewed that this issue had once been addressed jointly by this committee and the transportation commission. At that time, it failed, and it was agreed to follow state laws on the issue.

-Liu promised to mail the ordinances to committee members so they could review and compare, and discuss the issue in depth at a subsequent meeting.

Item B: Terms for
Committee Members

-Mr. Vanasse introduced this item, stating that the committee has existed since 1991 with no set terms of service. He proposes two year terms, similar to city council with 3 odd year terms and four even year terms. At the end of a term, the member could submit a letter of interest to the mayor, and be reappointed at the mayor's discretion. Vanasse suggested waiting for the presence of more members before making any decision.

-Mr. Wallace and Mr. Twitchell agreed with

the basic proposal, and Twitchell stated that two years is the right length of time.

motion

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Gregory to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL OCCUR ON APRIL 6, 1994, 12:00 P.M., AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.



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