Meeting was brought to order by Committee Chairperson Susie Weinacht at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Council members Susie Weinacht, Scott Overland and Pat Shey; Police Chief Wayne Jerman; Fire Chief Mark English; Building Services Director Kevin Ciabatti; Area Ambulance Executive Director Keith Rippy; and Amanda Grieder with SAFE-CR.

The October 24, 2016, Public Safety and Youth Services Committee minutes were approved.

**Building Services Report – Kevin Ciabatti**

**2016 vs 2015 Analysis**

**Permits:**
- Total permits issued are up 3%.
- Total residential building permits are up 3%.

**Inspections:**
- Building inspections are down 3%.
- Electrical inspections are up 23%.
- Mechanical inspections are down 1%.
- Plumbing inspections are up 7%.
- Overall, the total number of inspections is up 6%.

**Complaints:**
- Total number of open complaints is up 28%.
- Total number of pending investigations has increased 41%.
- Total number of open nuisance cases are up 17%.
- Total number of open zoning cases are up 30%.

Ciabatti also reviewed the ISO Audit Summary that that was just completed by the Building Services Division (attached).

**Area Ambulance Report – Keith Rippy**

The Key Performance Indicators and Special Events Summary to date are attached. Director Rippy noted that there was no significant increase in stroke/cardiac arrest emergencies; however there was a 20% increase in traumatic injuries and a 22.5% increase in drug overdoses in the past couple years. Calls for service have increased 3.6% each year which results in an increase of approximately 1.7 transports per
day, most of which are emergencies. So far in January there have been an average of 59 calls per day with 45 transports per day. Monday’s ice storm caused 83 calls for service, 63 transports and an ambulance to slide off the road twice.

**Fire Department - Chief English**

The Fire Department’s Performance Metrics for October, November and December, 2016; and Fire Marshal’s Performance Metrics for November and December, 2016 are attached. The trend is that the Fire Department’s call volume is increasing. From 2013 to 2016 calls for service have increased 12% which may in part be due to the aging population. The Fire Department is currently working on upgrading their records management system which will result in increased data reporting capabilities.

The Cedar Rapids USAR team (Iowa Task Force 1) responded to a drowning emergency of a 15 year old girl in Denison, Iowa, on Saturday. This was not a federally funded deployment. This was a mutual aid response sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Fire Department.

Last year the Remembering When Program was asked into over 120 homes and over 300 smoke alarms were installed.

The CRFD and the CRPD have an agreement in place that our two arson investigators will be allowed to sit in on CRPD trainings to keep their peace officer certification up and CRPD officers will be allowed to sit in on CRFD EMT trainings to keep their certifications up. This agreement will be a great benefit to both departments.

**Youth Services - Cristy Hamblin**

Cristy reviewed the juvenile arrest data from October, November and December, 2016 (attached). Reports show a 19% decrease of arrests in school from 2015 to 2016 which is great news.

Iowa BIG projects are moving along. A couple projects being discussed are creating a new City of Cedar Rapids flag and laser tag game with the Cedar Rapids Library.

The Iowa Law Day in May will happen again this year and will be more student driven.

Officer Jess Barnhart was nominated for the CR Heros. Some of the students at the school that she works at as a resource officer created a poster that describe her super powers. This poster can be found on the CRPD’s Facebook page.

**SAFE-CR Update – Amanda Grieder**

Amanda presented the SAFE-CR Public Safety update (attached). There are currently 152 active nuisance properties with 1 being commercial, 86 being owner occupied and 65 being rental properties. Finance has implemented new procedures and have collected more of the invoices sent out to these nuisance properties.

**Police Department Report –Chief Jerman**

Chief Jerman reviewed the Activity Comparison and the Neighborhood Activity Summary comparing 2015 to 2016 (attached).

Chief Jerman highlighted several arrests which occurred directly because of citizen assistance for October through December, 2016 (report attached).
Shots fired cases are down 14% from 100 in 2015 to 86 in 2016. Overall, crime is down 8% city wide from 2013 to 2016. This is due in part to hard work and relationships with officers.

The purchase of body cameras for officers is still proceeding. CRPD is currently reviewing data. The footage from these body cameras would be retained for 3 years. CRPD and Finance are working to generate a PO for purchase of a few pilot cameras. Once all data is reviewed, this will be presented to the City Council for a resolution. The Department of Justice is providing a grant that would match the funds that the City of Cedar Rapids contributes. The goal is to outfit all officers with a body camera by the winter of 2020. These body cameras would capture all interactions with citizens, both positive and negative.

For 2017 Chief Jerman would like to reiterate the importance of not leaving your keys in your car and also promote responsible gun ownership.

**Diversity Status Report –LaSheila Yates**

Civil Rights Status Report –LaSheila Yates Civil Rights Executive Director LaSheila Yates presented the City Diversity Efforts Update (attached). The City Employee Demographic are for 2015 and data are not up to date to share. The CR Employee Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Team will have a Data and Research subcommittee that will hopefully be able to pull reports by Fall. Director Yates will be sending a diversity climate survey out to employees for their opinions of diversity regarding the City as an Employer. The Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission Currently case load is 13-17 cases.

The panhandling ordinance has been revised to a sidewalk safety ordinance as the federal laws have made it difficult to have an ordinance specific to panhandling. Complaints concerning panhandling have increased 48%. It is anticipated that a draft of this ordinance will be presented to this committee at the April meeting.

**APRIL AGENDA ITEM FORECAST**

- Approval of January Draft Minutes
- Building Services Report (*Ciabatti*)
- Cedar Rapids Fire Department Report (*English*)
- Area Ambulance Service Report (*Rippy*)
- Youth Services Report (*Hamblin/Leff*)
- Police SAFE-CR Report (*Grieder*)
- Cedar Rapids Police Department Report (*Jerman*)
- Public Comment (10 min.; 2 min. limit per person)
- July Agenda Forecast Items

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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