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City Commission Work Session

Mayor Winters presiding


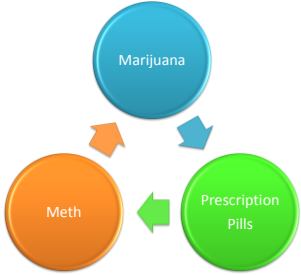

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Michael J. Winters, Bill Bronson, Fred Burow, Bob Jones, and Bob Kelly.

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy City Manager; Directors of Park and Recreation, and Planning and Community Development; Deputy Planning Director; City Engineer; Interim City Attorney; Fire Chief; Police Chief; and the Deputy City Clerk.

1. POLICE, FIRE, EMS UPDATES

Police Chief Dave Bowen provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Great Falls Police Department (GFPD) response to the local issues of drugs, child abuse, and school safety.

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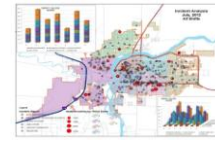
Drugs

- Multi-Agency effort to fight illegal drugs
- Includes: GFPD, CCSO, ATF, DEA, HSI, Border Patrol, MANG – Intel Analyst
- Federally funded under the HIDTA program (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas). Direction of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.



Drugs

- Member since 2003, revitalized the program and reorganized under Russell County Drug Task Force (RCDTF).
- Detectives lab certified to dismantle/package labs. Cross deputized for operations in the county.
- DDACTS (Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety).
- DRE certified officers (Drug Recognition Experts).



Child Abuse

5 child homicides in the past 5 years.

“5 kids who will never be dropped off for school by their grandparents.” Sen. Mitch Tropila, D- Great Falls.

Great Falls officials ask state to pass law adding to list of child abuse crimes

“A mountain of human suffering in my community,” John Parker – Co. Atty.

In Cascade County alone, there was 200 child abuse and neglect cases in 2012.

GFPD Response





- Development of Special Victims Unit
 - 1 Detective devoted to working child sex and abuse cases – carries a heavy caseload (up to 30).
 - 1 Detective working ICAC – part time. (Internet Crimes Against Children) Over 200 active cases to be worked in Gt. Falls if caseload permitted.
 - 1 Detective tracking Sexual/Violent offenders – 553 offenders in Great Falls (141 –sex offenders, 401 – violent offenders).
 - Need for expansion in this unit – at least 1 more.


GFPD Response

- Members of the following Boards:
 - MDT (Multi Disciplinary Team) – meet weekly
 - Child Protection Team – Staff DFS cases
 - Child Evaluation Center – Location for child victims of abuse to be evaluated (90 victims helped last year).
 - Early Childhood Coalition (211 Mt/Bridge to Benefits – information to provide to 1st Responders).
- Reviewing child homicides to determine if there are any recurring themes for early detection.
- Community – Awareness and early reporting.

School Safety



<p style="text-align: center;">GFPD Response</p> <p>School Resource Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engaged with teachers/students/parents – alerted to early warning signs (Help in conducting threat assessments). ▪ Rearranged schedule to maximize time at the schools. ▪ Provide safety training and work with staff on lock down drills/shelter in place. ▪ Utilize technology to include video surveillance to monitor behavior/activity. 	<p style="text-align: center;">GFPD Response</p> <p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active shooter training with our officers conducted on site at local schools. 3 members of dept. are instructors and recognized state wide. ▪ Course scheduled for next week. ▪ Dispatch staff recently completed 3 day training course on active shooter incidents. ▪ SRO's recently attended FBI sponsored Assessing & Managing Threats of School Violence. ▪ Joint training with the school district – Jan. 2013 ▪ Mass casualty exercise planned for summer 2013.
<p style="text-align: center;">GFPD Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police administrators are members of local mental health committees that meet regularly. The officers provide input and discussion about mental health issues that can affect the community. • Community - Priority on families and the role of the father. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Early reporting of suspicious behavior. 	<p style="text-align: center;">GFPD Response - HRU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 volunteers from within the PD and FD • Four distinct groups – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (4) Snipers (12) Entry (3) Negotiators (2) Medical (1) Tactical Commander • Team meets once a month for training (108 hours a year) <div style="text-align: right;">   </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">HRU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Risk Warrant Service • Barricaded Suspects • Terrorism Incidents • Drug Search Entries • High Risk Arrests • V.I.P. Protection • Recovery Operations – Officer/Civilian • Hostage Situations 	<p style="text-align: center;">HRU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual budget of approx. \$15,000 ▪ Qualified on following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> handguns shotguns rifles 37mm & 40mm chemical munition guns <div style="text-align: right;">   </div>

<p style="text-align: center;">HRU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State certified Level 1 Team – able to respond to incidents ranging from high risk warrant service to hostage rescue • This is the highest certification level 	<p style="text-align: center;">HRU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the Chief of Police or designated representative can authorize mobilizations • Risk Analysis/Assessment is utilized to assist officer or shift commander in making recommendation to Chief of Police • There were 8 activations in 2012
<p style="text-align: center;">HRU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 01-25-12 High Risk Warrant Service – Assault with Weapon ▪ 02-28-12 Barricaded Suspect – Assault with Weapon ▪ 03-02-12 Barricaded Suspect – Shot at GFPD Officers ▪ 05-28-12 High Risk Warrant Service – Assault with Weapon ▪ 10-07-12 High Risk Warrant Service – Narcotics/Meth Lab ▪ 10-11-12 Barricaded Suspect – Assault with a Weapon ▪ 11-01-12 Attempted Homicide on LE – Pipe Bombs ▪ 11-14-12 High Risk Warrant Service - Narcotics 	

Chief Bowen played a video clip of Jessica Bray, whose daughter was the victim of a homicide from her boyfriend. The educational clip is being used statewide.

Chief Bowen reported the Police Department and Fire Department will be working together on a mass casualty exercise planned for the summer of 2013.

Fire Chief Randy McCamley noted Fire Rescue EMS provides support for law enforcement in such events. However, there are challenges when trying to rescue people when there is an active shooter.

Chief Bowen noted that Chief McCamley obtained the 911 tape from the Aurora, Colorado shooting to identify what can be done between the two agencies to provide better response.

There was discussion on the importance of letting the community know how both agencies are strategizing a response to a mass casualty event.

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Deputy Planning Director Wendy Thomas provided a PowerPoint presentation on CDBG and HOME 2013/2014 funding recommendations of the Community Development Council (CDC).

Background

Federal Funds

- HUD
- ± 660,056 Dollars in 2013/2014
 - Affordable Housing
 - Anti-Poverty Programs
 - Community Infrastructure
- Annual Action Plan
 - Goals and Funding Priorities



Process

- Pre-Application Meeting
- City Commission Policy Approval
- Application Submittal
- Staff Review
- CDC
 - Review
 - Prioritize
 - Recommend
- Public Hearing for CDBG & HOME funding
- Public Comment



Principles & Policies

- City Priorities
 - Public Facility 42%
 - Affordable Housing 23%
 - Public Service 15%
 - Administration 20%
- City Policy
 - 75% Expenditure of Funds
 - Leverage
 - No Public Facility Applications
 - Minimum Request \$5,000



CDBG Funding

- Public Facility \$ 277K
 - Community Rec Center 60K
 - Verde Park 37.5K
 - Sidewalk Replacement 30K
 - 4th Ave North HC Ramps 150K
- Affordable Housing \$ 222K
 - Downtown Dev Partnership 50K
 - Code Enforcement 32K
 - Housing Rehab Specialist 65K
 - NHS/Habitat 75K
- Administration \$132K



- Public Service \$ 99K
 - Meals on Wheels 25K
 - Boys & Girls Club 25K
 - Alliance for Youth, Inc 12.5K
 - Young Parents Ed Ctr 12K
 - Quality Life Concepts 7.5K
 - Morony Nat 7.5K
 - Children's Museum 5K
 - Sunburst Unlimited 5K



HOME Funding

- HOME GRANT \$230K
 - ASI
 - LIHTC
 - State HOME Grant
 - City of Great Falls
 - Neighborworks
 - Construct & Rehab Homes
 - Administration



- **Commission Action**

- Agenda Item 15, Accept proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds
- Set public hearing for Annual Action Plan for April 16, 2013.



Ms. Thomas noted final notification of the allocation from the federal government is expected by the end of the month.

Ms. Thomas introduced Susan McCord, Chair of the CDC. Ms. McCord discussed the process used to score the grant applications. Discussion followed on the process and the funding recommendations.

Commissioner Bronson requested the scoring matrixes used by the CDC. Ms. Thomas responded that information would be provided.

The Commission thanked the members of the CDC for their great work on these programs.

Mayor Winters asked Ms. Thomas to accompany Deputy City Manager Jenn Reichelt on the next “Meet the Mayor” segment, as he will be out of town. Ms. Thomas accepted his invitation.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Winters adjourned the informal work session of March 19, 2013, at 6:16 p.m.