

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-020-PS

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPLACE ORDINANCE 2013-006-PS
TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE TERMS OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Trussville, Alabama, operates municipal Police and Fire Departments in accordance with provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Trussville deems the efficient and responsive functions of said departments to be matters of paramount importance and priority; and

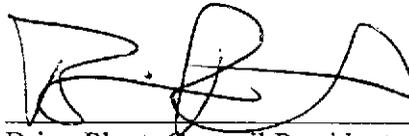
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Trussville finds and determines that, to those ends, the establishment of an advisory committee to serve as a liaison between the community, the Police and Fire departments, and the City Council would serve to promote effective internal communication, public understanding of and appreciation for the work of the Police and Fire Departments, and to improve the performance and responsiveness of said Departments, and to enhance the safety and preparedness of the citizens of Trussville in the event of an emergency or disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Trussville, Alabama, as follows:

1. The advisory committee known as the Public Safety Committee of the City of Trussville, the purposes and objects of which shall include ongoing study of the operation of the public safety departments (Police and Fire Departments) of the City of Trussville, review and resolution, where possible, of public comments, complaints, and inquiries concerning the operation of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Trussville, and making reports and recommendations to the City Council as needed and requested with a view toward enhancing the efficiency, responsiveness, and morale of the Police and Fire Departments, and public confidence therein.
2. Increase public participation in disaster preparedness, using the resources of the Public Safety Committee. Members of the committee shall directly work to organize increased public participation of those programs/events approved by the Public Safety Committee.
3. Provide a public forum for residents to share comments, issues or concerns regarding public safety issues, including but not limited to, crime prevention, community outreach and disaster preparedness education and training.

4. The membership of the Public Safety Committee shall be comprised of the Chief of Police of the City of Trussville, the Fire Chief of the City of Trussville, and five citizens of the City of Trussville. One of the citizens, if possible, shall serve as a representative of the business community of the city. One other citizen, if possible, will have a medial background or experience with emergency room and emergency life saving procedures. The Mayor or his designee and City Council liaison will be ex officio members and will not have a vote, but will only vote in case of a tie. One of the appointed citizen members will chair the meetings.
5. Terms: The Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Mayor and Council liaison shall serve as long as they hold office. The term of the five citizen members will be staggered and will be for a duration of four years. Members may be reappointed at the expiration of their term or replaced, however if a reappointment or replacement does not occur timely, the incumbent member may continue to serve until reappointed or replaced.
6. The Public Safety Committee is authorized to organize itself so as to execute its functions efficiently and to adopt rules and procedures not inconsistent with its purposes and objects hereinbefore set forth. The Public Safety Committee is authorized, inter alia, to develop and recommend to the Council for approval an administrative mechanism for reviewing public complaints and inquiries concerning the operation of the City Police and Fire Departments.
7. The Public Safety Committee shall meet as needed or as it shall determine and shall, from time to time, report on its activities to the City Council of the City of Trussville.
8. Ordinance 2013-006-PS of the City of Trussville is hereby expressly repealed.
9. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of May, 2017.



Brian Plant, Council President

APPROVED this the 9th day of May, 2017.



Buddy Cheat, Mayor
City of Trussville

Attest:



Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk