

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT
FEBRUARY 21, 2012 – 9:00 A.M.
CITY HALL – 1737 MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM – 2ND FLOOR**



The Columbia City Council Public Safety Committee conducted a Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel, The Honorable Sam Davis, and The Honorable Leona K. Plough (non-committee member) were present.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Hospitality District Team Update

Ruben Santiago, Deputy Police Chief stated that they made 560 visits to 253 businesses in the city limits focusing more on peddlers. There were 509 business related warnings, 65 arrests (disorderly conduct – irresponsible while drinking), 104 citations, 8 felony cases, 3 warrants served, 1 solicitation of prostitution and 12 license violations. The team has had a positive impact on hospitality district.

There was a consensus of the committee to reach out to the Richland County delegation regarding the locations of wine and liquor selling establishments posting zoning changes on the property as a way to notify neighbors of the new establishment also review the bars noncompliance with 2 a.m. bar closing ordinance

2. Criminal Ordinance Review

Chief Randy Scott, Police Chief advised the committee on suggested ordinances.

Chief Randy Scott police chief advise the committee on suggested ordinances there was a consensus of the committee to review other ordinances and policies that address loitering, feeding my permit and careless driving. There was a recommendation have to stop and sent to Finance, Audit and Budget committee the departments needs in order to meet the city strategic goals establish a time frame for the quality-of-life court

3. Security Cameras Update

Chief Randy Scott stated that cameras are being used to address specific issues they're still in the process of pulling the numbers together.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.