

**Summary of Discussion
Broward County Charter Review Commission
Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, August 29, 2007
Broward County Governmental Center – Room 430
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

Members Present:

Dr. Mark Lieberman, Chair
Mayor, Debby Eisinger, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Hayward Benson
Maggie Davidson
Ms. H.K. "Petey" Kaletta
Commissioner Ted Mena
Mr. Wil Trower

Members Absent:

None

Others Attending:

Kevin Bowman, North Lauderdale Fire Rescue
Richard Carpani, Director, Communication Technology, BSO
Pete Corwin, Assistant to Broward County Administrator
Ed Curran, Fire Chief's Assoc.
Rick Donahue, Division Chief of Margate Fire Rescue
David Donzella, Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue
Chedley Etienne, Administrative Assistant, CRC
Maria Gross, Assistant Director, CRC
Phyllis A. King, Transcriber, PKING Consulting
Bruce Moeller, Fire Chief's Association of Broward County
John Picanello, Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue
Loraine Reilly, Frontline Group
Hazelle Rogers, CRC Vice-Chair
James Saunders, Esq., Williams, Wilson, & Sexton, PA
Tony Shavino, Fire Chief of Deerfield Beach
Mel Wilson, Esq., CRC Special Counsel

(A copy of the sign-in sheets identifying those present is filed with the supplemental papers to the summary of this Subcommittee Meeting.)

A meeting of the Broward County Charter Review Public Safety Subcommittee, "Committee," "Subcommittee," or "PSSC," was held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2007 at the Broward County Governmental Center Annex – Room 430, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Chair Dr. Mark Lieberman called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. The Chair began the meeting by introducing Charter Review Commission member Maggie Davidson, who replaced Robert Penezic, as a result of relocation. He requested Ms. Davidson to introduce herself to the subcommittee.

Ms. Davidson formally introduced herself to the Public Safety Subcommittee and gave her background. She was appointed by Commissioner Kristin Jacobs and has a financial background and has been active in politics for over 25 years.

The Chair thanked Ms. Davidson for her introduction. He provided the opportunity for the subcommittee to introduce themselves to Ms. Davidson. Upon completion of introductions the Chair requested the roll call by Phyllis A. King, PKING Consulting, Inc and recognized the presence of a quorum.

II. Approval Summary of Discussion from August 8th, 2007 Meeting

The Chair asked the subcommittee if there were any changes or discussion on the Summary of Discussion. Mr. Mena requested a correction to Page 9 paragraph 2, 2nd Sentence. The revision was noted accordingly.

Mr. Trower MOTIONED, Mr. Mena SECONDED, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the Public Safety Subcommittee August 8, 2007 Summary of Discussion.

III. Discussion of Proposed Public Safety Council-Composition of Membership and Recommended Name Change

The Chair mentioned that in their previous meeting on July 17th, there were four motions that were passed unanimously. He stated that in the subsequent meeting on August 8th, where the Fire Rescue Council gave their opinions on the subcommittee's recommendations, there was conflict in the discussion over the direction they were going, and he wanted to go over them. He opened the floor for discussion on the motions that have passed and any that were currently up for review. He referred everyone to page 10, fourth paragraph of the minutes (summaries of

discussion) from the July 17th meeting. There was a recommendation to change the name of the Fire Rescue Council to the Broward County Public Safety Council and that was passed. He commented that there was a conflict with a council with a similar name, The Broward County Public Safety Coordination Council, which is affiliated with the Broward County jails.

Mr. Wilson: It's called the Broward County Public Safety Coordinating Council. It is a statutorily required Council which regulates the population and size of detention facilities, jails, and prisons in the County.

The Chair recommended calling the Council the **Broward County Public Safety Advisory Council** in order to ensure separation from the Broward County Public Safety Coordination Council and tabled the discussion until later in the meeting.

He spoke about the second motion that was carried in the July 17th meeting, which was to add additional members, specifically a member from the Broward Emergency Management Agency (BEMA), to sit on the Council. He discussed that due to lack of time, they were not able to complete voting on the other members that were to be added to the Council in the last meeting. He opened the floor to discussion on this matter. The third motion that passed in that meeting was in regards to the minimum standards for Fire and Police Departments, allowing the Public Safety Council to decide what minimum standards will be. He posed the question to the subcommittee, "do we want to change the composition and scope of the Fire Safety (Rescue) Council based on what was said in the last meeting"?

[Ms. Eisinger entered at this time 12:13 p.m.]

Mr. Mena stated with regard to someone from law enforcement that the Police Chief's Association was the natural agency to choose from.

The Chair stated that he doesn't recall that issue being passed already, but he wasn't sure.

Ms. West asked Mr. Mena was it a MOTION. Mr. Mena replied no. Ms. West asked Mr. Mena if he wanted to offer that MOTION at this time. Ms. Eisinger stated that there was no definitive MOTION; there was just discussion on the matter in the last meeting. Mr. Mena stated he believed it was tabled.

The Chair stated that it was not discussed because they lost the quorum that day. The Chair restated his question posed earlier, regarding the direction the subcommittee wanted to take

regarding the Fire Council. He asked the subcommittee if there were any changes they wished to make.

Ms. Eisinger stated that in the last meeting, they heard both pros and cons. She stated her support in the re-naming of the Council to Public Safety, as it relates to public safety in general for the County. Her other issue was to propose the Council sets or creates some standard for minimum level of service. These are the two issues that needed to be addressed for this meeting.

The Chair asked if anyone wanted to make a MOTION for a revision to change the name to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Mr. Mena made a MOTION for a revision to have the name of the present Council to be amended to the Public Safety Advisory Council. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mr. Benson.

Ms. Kaletta expressed concern with the word 'Advisory.' She questioned how the Council could have teeth, and authority to enforce recommendations. She stated that as just an 'Advisory' Council, they would be no different than any other Council.

Ms. Eisinger asked if the removal of the word 'Advisory' would be helpful.

The Chair responded that with the removal of that word, there is no name change taking place, as Public Safety Council is the current name.

Ms. West recommended Authority.

The Chair reminded everyone that the name isn't going to give the Council any more authority or teeth. There would have to be additions or changes in order to have authority. He recommended setting a time frame to ensure authority and commented on the importance of a communications network, which was to be set up. He stated he wasn't sure what else could be done to add more authority and asked for suggestions.

Mr. Benson responded that it is difficult to have any group do anything unless you are controlling the finances for that group. In this situation, the County Commission has that control and until the Council has those types of powers, he doesn't see how they could possibly enforce anything. Whether the word advisory is in the name or not, that is what the Committee will be doing.

The Chair stated that unless this Council was involved with funding, as Mr. Benson stated, it would be difficult for them to have the power the subcommittee was speaking of.

Mr. Mena stated that adding power to the Advisory Committee is a totally different discussion. In his opinion this wasn't envisioned in the last meeting.

Ms. Kaletta read a quote directly from the Charter Section 5.03 A. It was her understanding that the subcommittee was going in the direction of a Safety Council versus just Fire Rescue for the inclusion of all communications. She stated it would include giving the Advisory Council authority County-wide to set some minimum standards for consistency, and the County is to provide the funding.

The Chair stated that it wouldn't be advisory, and once it has passed, the recommendation of setting minimum standards would be that of the Commission. He requested direction from General Counsel.

Mr. Wilson: Actually, if the Council was to adopt or recommend a proposed minimum standard, those standards would still have to be adopted or enacted into some kind of law or County ordinance. The only entity that can pass laws in the County is the County Commission. Therein lies somewhat of a dilemma. If you want the minimum standards that a Council would establish to become laws within the County, we would propose, or I would propose, that they would have to be recommended to the County Commission and the County Commission would have to pass an ordinance establishing them in the County Code, number one. Number two, the County, in the Charter itself, you would have to go even a little bit further, and make it clear, that if the County were to establish an ordinance in this area, that ordinance would supersede ordinances by municipalities.

The Chair asked counsel if the Charter could be worded in a way that the County Commission would have to approve it based on what was voted on.

Mr. Wilson: I think you still would have to recommend the language where it would still be proposed to the County Commission for them to enact an ordinance. To say that the Council would establish a specific language and the County Commission would have no ability to deliberate, to debate, to evaluate that, and then automatically turn it into law; I don't think that would be advisory.

Ms. Kaletta asked if there is any way to word the proposal to the County Commission that specifies that this Council has the ability to make those changes.

Mr. Wilson reminded the subcommittee that prior amendments in 2002 dealt solely with communications infrastructure.

The Chair asked Mr. Wilson if an ordinance could be passed by or cancelled by the County Commission, if the CRC makes the recommendation that this newly named Council sets minimum standards.

Mr. Wilson: You certainly can recommend it and propose it for consideration in the County ordinance. To say that the County Commission must pass a particular ordinance, is something we may have to look at a little bit further, as to whether they can.

The Chair stated that is the language they need to go for, in order to ensure authority.

Ms. Eisinger stated that conceptually, it was a good idea and important to ensure consistency. The question would come with funding, and how each municipality would respond and that her understanding is, all county ordinances supersede municipalities.

Mr. Wilson: One thing I said earlier, was that the amendment to the Charter, should clarify, in the event there is a County ordinance which should prevail, whether a municipal ordinance or a County ordinance. That would address legally the issue of which one would govern, that is not to say how it would be received by the municipalities. What you're required to do when you're doing Charter amendments is, to give a title and a summary to put the voters on notice, so that it is clear as to what they are voting on. You should also, as I said earlier, clarify in the event that there is a conflict between the County and the municipality, what should govern. That would address the legal issue of home rule. We say that, because throughout the Charter, it's replete with examples indicating that in this particular area. For example, hand gun control. The County ordinance shall prevail over municipal ordinances. In land use regulation, and in Section 11.1, there is a provision that is entitled Conflict of County Ordinances with Municipal Ordinances and it says specifically that a County ordinance shall prevail over municipal ordinances whenever the County acts with respect to the following; it begins to list at least 2 areas. *One of them being, "Sets Minimum Standards in Protecting the Environment through the Prohibition or Regulation of Air or Water Pollution and Land Use Planning."* So you do have to be that specific to address the home rule issue.

Ms. Rogers stated she agreed with Ms. Eisinger, because she didn't know that everything in the County Charter superseded the municipal Charters. It definitely needs more clarification within the Charter to ensure there is no confusion or misunderstandings.

Mr. Wilson: I do need to clarify, the Charter does not say 'everything' in this Charter or County ordinance supersedes municipal ordinance. It basically recognizes municipal ordinances and County ordinances, and when you are in an area where there may be conflict, the Charter in those instances, clarifies which shall prevail, but the Charter does not say in every instance.

The Chair suggested that Mr. Wilson include what words need to be used for legal sufficiency.

Mr. Benson asked if the addition of the police component to the Council would also require minimum standards for police departments. He suggested that the subcommittee be more thoughtful and deliberate in their conclusions.

The Chair responded that minimum standards were one of the 5 charges of the PSSC and that the subcommittee has never discussed minimum standards for police. He explained that the main component of the Council was to be for Fire-Rescue, and the police are included because of the communication with Fire-Rescue.

Mr. Benson understood the intent was to not go in that direction, but wondered if it opened the door to that sort of concern. If so, he cautioned that the Council should be deliberate and clear to ensure the intent stays intact.

The Chair stated he would like to get back to the original Motion posed by Mr. Mena, and vote on that, so that they can move forward with business.

Mr. Trower reminded the PSSC that the original purpose of the Committee, as stated previously, was for communications purposes. He stated that the Charter states (Sec. 5.03) that not only shall the County fund the Council, but the Council shall also be advisory and facilitate in carrying out the intent of Section A. His thought was the subcommittee was creating a council to look into establishing public minimum standards in any area, but as an advisory role and recommend that to the County. He stated he wasn't comfortable telling the County in the Charter amendment that they need to pass minimum standards, when they (the subcommittee) aren't sure what the ramifications of those standards would be. The Council needed to be more general, than specific. He questioned Mr. Wilson about home rule, between the County and municipal ordinance and whether the superseding of the County was only in relation to land use and environmental.

The Chair asked if public safety should supersede the municipal rule, and if that was the issue.

Ms. Eisinger explained that she wasn't sure about the language herself. She felt like the implementation of home rule would be territorial and jeopardize the implementation of public safety standards and asked if there should be a minimum level of standards.

The Chair again explained that the addition of police was in reference to the lines of communication, and not intended to create a Police Commission. As far as minimum standards, the Council will determine them.

Mr. Trower stated that he didn't see how the Council could include anything in the Charter that would specify whatever minimum standards this Council would come up with that the County is bound to pass as an ordinance.

The Chair reminded Mr. Trower that this could not be done per legal counsel.

Mr. Benson expressed the need of clarity and deliberateness when creating this Council in order to ensure that any possible scenarios are considered and covered and there isn't any room for question or error.

The Chair stated that in the last meeting, there were 5 issues of scope:

- Post storm related to pets
- Nursing homes and generators
- Vulnerable needs population
- Special needs such as dialysis centers; and
- Road safety issues

The Chair asked the subcommittee if they wanted to increase the scope of the Public Safety Council to include these issues.

Ms. Rogers stated that when speaking of communication, her concern was more aligned with the amount of aid and types of equipment, and the fact that communication difficulty between the emergency responders was the major issue to be amplified. She wanted to make sure that wasn't changing.

The Chair explained that nothing is changing in that regard. There were comments made on the timeframe of the communications network, which he heard 5 years was a reasonable timeframe. He asked Mr. Mena if he wanted to go back to his earlier MOTION.

Mr. Mena stated he wanted to comment on what had just been said and respectfully disagreed with his peers regarding setting minimum standards. Mr. Mena advised that it is not the subcommittee's place to determine what minimum standards are and suggested that it should be the police and fire departments responsibility as they are the professionals. Police and Fire Organizations have National Minimum Standards already in place, set by their National organizations. Budget restrictions play a role in these standards as well, and all of that has to be considered.

Ms. Eisinger asked General Counsel in regards to land use planning and environment, if the curfew enacted after Hurricane Wilma, which was instituted countywide was legal.

Mr. Wilson: I think it's the Broward County Inter-Emergency Coordinating Council Ordinance and that is a County ordinance that creates the municipal County Emergency Coordinating Council Statute to kind of regulate activities within the County in the event of a disaster or an emergency situation. So, I don't know exactly the statute in which they used to create the curfew, but they do have authority, the County, when it comes to disasters and emergency situations.

The Chair asked Mr. Wilson if the County passed a minimum standard ordinance, how likely would it be of the municipalities to not go along with it. The answer he remembers is that more than likely, the municipalities would go along with it, unless they changed the Charter.

Mr. Wilson: I probably would have to say that the question may not be a legal question. I guess that's what I'm saying.

The Chair asked Mr. Wilson what the likelihood of municipalities going along with an Ordinance passed by the County on minimum standards would be.

Mr. Benson responded and stated that 'it depends' on the situation, the standard, the cost...all has to be considered.

Mr. Wilson: Again, just so it's clear. I don't know if we would get there in a Charter, because in a Charter, we would say clearly, which would govern.

The Chair asked the subcommittee to step back and deal with the MOTION of the name change which was put forth.

A conversation ensued in regard to whether this MOTION had been put forth already. Ms. King clarified for the subcommittee that the MOTION was indeed put to the floor by Mr. Mena and SECONDED by Mr. Benson. More conversation ensued in regard to what was being added to the current name, whether it should be Advisory or Authority.

Mr. Wilson: There is already a statutory required Public Safety Coordinating Council and to create further separation or clarity when you create this amendment that adding the word Advisory after Public Safety would create that objective of making it clear. One is Public Safety Coordinating; this is Public Safety Advisory, as opposed to just Public Safety. In addition to that, when you begin to research the public safety area, public safety is kind of a term of art, and it covers a lot of things. The suggestion of adding the word Advisory to the already subcommittee approved Public Safety Council was to create a clearer distinction between what is already out there by statute, and what we are trying to do.

Mr. Benson asked Mr. Wilson if the word advisory would help clear this up.

Mr. Wilson: Well, it's probably a matter of interpretation, but to the voter it begins to create a little bit more separation.

Mr. Benson asked Mr. Wilson what word in his opinion would help clarify what they are trying to accomplish.

Mr. Wilson: Advisory

Mr. Mena recommended maybe changing the name completely. He mentioned possibly changing it to the Police and Fire Advisory Council.

Ms. Eisinger stated that they must vote on the MOTION on the floor, before he can do another. She also added that she would be voting against the proposed name because the name Advisory has no 'teeth.'

The Chair restated the motion and called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Mena MOTIONED for a revision to have the name of the present Council to be amended to the Public Safety Advisory Council. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mr. Benson.

The MOTION failed unanimously. The name of the Council will remain Public Safety Council.

The Chair moved on to discussion of Item IV.

IV. Solidify Issues for Report on Recommendations for Proposed Ballot Topics

The Chair stated that the subcommittee agreed to add members from BEMA and a member from the Regional Public Safety Committee.

Ms. Eisinger commented that this recommendation came from the FRC.

Mr. Wilson: One of the things that we may need to look at further because we don't have a lot of information regarding the Regional Public Safety Communication Committee. Is a lot of the other Committees or members come from organizations that are part of a legal entity and we may need to get more information on that entity. This seems to be one of the committees that doesn't, based on our preliminary inquiry, isn't a part of a legal entity.

Ms. Eisinger suggested tabling that concern for the next meeting.

Ms. West asked if she should find out the information.

Pete Corwin, Assistant to the County Administrator of Broward County

Mr. Corwin: If you wanted Rick on your Committee, you could make him director of whatever entities, in charge of regional communication which can also be the name of the Council if you didn't do minimum standards, and just called it the Regional Communications Council.

The Chair stated that he wanted Richard Carpani on the Council.

Mr. Corwin: He is the Director of Regional Communications for BSO, which is under contract.

The Chair asked the PSSC if they wanted Mr. Carpani on the Council, if they would only need to vote him in.

The Chair MOTIONED, and Ms. Eisinger SECONDED and the motion passed unanimously to add Richard Carpani as a new member to the Public Safety Council.

The Chair asked the subcommittee to address which of the 2 or 3 organizations of police, they would use, Police Chief Association, PBA, and/or FOP. A conversation ensued about the differences between the organizations, and what each represented. Ms. Eisinger posed a question to the public, and asked if anyone knew what the difference was between the organizations.

Bruce Moeller, Fire Chief's Association of Broward County

Mr. Moeller: I'm a Fire Chief and I can help a little bit. The PBA and FOP are both labor organizations, and they both represent rank and file police officers. Some police organizations select as their authorized bargaining representative the PBA and others choose to relate themselves to the Fraternal Order of Police.

Ms. West suggested just using the Police Chief's Association (PCA). Ms. Eisinger commented that it could lead to problems to include the others and not include the PCA. The Chair suggested using one from the PCA and one from either the PBA or FOP. Ms. West stated that since the FOP and PBA are both labor organizations, it would be the choice of the City to choose either one. She recommended that by going with the PCA, you would eliminate the need for someone from either of the labor organizations. The Chair stated the problem with her recommendation was that there would be no representative for the police.

Ms. Eisinger stated that since some police are a part of one and the rest are a part of the other, it would be discriminatory to choose one over the other and suggested having one from both organizations be members as well.

Ms. West asked Ms. Eisinger if they needed to include both labor and administration. Ms. Eisinger affirmed. The Chair suggested alternating FOP and PBA per term. Mr. Mena suggested using the Fire organizations as well, and asked whether they had similar organizations.

Mr. Moeller: The fire service, the International Association of Fire Fighters pretty much has all labor organizations. Joe Benavides is the representative of labor for the Broward County Council of Fire Fighters. One suggestion, if I may make to the Board. If you want, you may just suggest a representative from a law enforcement labor organization, and if the FOP and PBA can work it out...fine. If not, let somebody else, let the County Commission decide which one of the two should do it. Ms. Eisinger supported Mr. Moeller's statement along with the Chair, and thanked him for it.

Mr. Wilson: Just so that the subcommittee members know, this would be the only area where we would not have a named organization.

The Chair stated that the subcommittee will name the organization, and said they have to pick one. Ms. Eisinger suggested structuring the vote for the subcommittee.

Mr. Moeller: I apologize, please forgive me. Just one quick comment, there are the two police law enforcement...you said either that or you have to take away one? I would point out, Mr. Carpani stepped out. I don't know if he's gone. One of the issues is, and I am a member of the Fire Rescue Council as well. If Mr. Carpani is put on specifically, since the focus today and in the future will at least totally or significantly be communications, we will have problems communicating with him outside of a meeting. In other words, there are some issues that day to day I deal with Mr. Carpani on as a Fire Chief. If I sit there and have him on the Council along with myself or any other representative with Fire Organization or Law Enforcement, I will be prohibited from talking with him on exploratory matters that may come before the Council because of Sunshine provisions.

Ms. Eisinger suggested removing Mr. Carpani.

Mr. Moeller: I don't want to speak for him, and I apologize.

The Chair asked if Mr. Carpani was available.

Mr. Moeller: I will try reaching him if you want. We'll also point out that the BSO already has a representative on the County Council. Colonel Auer is currently on the County Council with us. I'm sorry the Vice Chair of the Fire Rescue Council and Mr. Carpani work for BSO, so it's not like he doesn't have a communication pathway to talk to the Council. But again, I'm not speaking for him; I'm just pointing that out. A conversation ensued with regard to Mr. Carpani's position and role with BSO.

The Chair stated that he still felt like Mr. Carpani should still be on the Committee, and if anything Mr. Moeller shouldn't be. Ms. Rogers suggested having the position appointed.

Mr. Wilson: Commissioner Rogers asked whether or not the organization could make the decision of identifying who the members should be throughout the list, and they are appointed by organization.

{Richard Carpani re-entered room at this time 1:26p}

The Chair explained to Mr. Carpani the possible conflict in Sunshine Law.

Richard Carpani, Director of Communication Technology, BSO

Mr. Carpani: In light of what you brought up, I think it's important that this Regional Public Safety Communications Committee (RPSCC) have a representative from Fire, or whatever it's

going to be named. It doesn't necessarily have to be Rick Carpani, but we have x-number of voting participants based on executed local agreements, if you will, with the various cities and they can certainly vote a representative on that Fire Rescue Council. The Chair asked Mr. Carpani to repeat his statement.

Mr. Carpani: What you talked about earlier was having a representative from the RPSCC, which is made up of various cities that have executed in our local agreements with BSO, okay, so it doesn't necessarily have to be Rick Carpani, per say, representing that Committee.

The Chair stated that there had been previous discussion on that issue, and asked Mr. Wilson to elaborate.

Mr. Wilson: One of the things that we had some concern about and need to look into a little further, is that the RPSCC is not a legal entity or a part of a legal entity. The members are, but the Committee is not a part of another legal entity, whereas all nine of the existing members are parts of some sort of identifiable legal entity.

The Chair asked Mr. Carpani if he would have any issue leaving it how it was.

Mr. Carpani: I guess the only issue would be based on the Sunshine Law, because most of my day is spent talking to various entities that are on that Council. The Chair thanked Mr. Carpani.

Mr. Trower stated there needed to be a MOTION to reconsider the prior MOTION, and change it to reflect someone from RPSCC. The Chair acknowledged, and stated they had to rescind the original MOTION.

MOTION to reconsider was made by Mr. Trower, SECONDED by Ms. Eisinger and the Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair asked for the new MOTION to be put on the floor.

Ms. Eisinger MOTIONED to have a member added to the Council chosen by the RPSCC, SECONDED by Mr. Benson and the MOTION passed unanimously.

Ms. Eisinger stated that a MOTION to rescind the motion they reconsidered must be done, and then they could move on.

The Chair agreed, and called for the MOTION.

Ms. Eisinger made a MOTION to rescind the prior MOTION to have the Mr. Carpani as the new member, SECONDED by Mr. Trower and the MOTION passed unanimously.

Ms. Kaletta stated that she just asked Mr. Carpani if there was someone on his staff that could sit in on the Committee instead of him to help alleviate problems with the Sunshine law.

Conversation ensued among the subcommittee regarding the legality of Ms. Kaletta's suggestion. Consensus on the subcommittee was that this would be inappropriate. The Chair asked the subcommittee if they had a suggestion for a member of the Police Chief Association.

Ms. Eisinger MOTIONED to have a member of the Police Chief's Association as a member of the Public Safety Council, SECONDED by Mr. Benson and the MOTION passed unanimously.

The Chair asked the subcommittee to consider a member from Law enforcement labor organization, and the decision would be decided by both FOP and PBA.

Ms. Eisinger MOTIONED to have a member from Law Enforcement labor organization, which decision would be made by both FOP and PBA, SECONDED by Ms. Davidson and the Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Eisinger MOTIONED to extend the meeting, SECONDED by Ms. West and the Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair reiterated the Motions that they passed for the day. He asked Mr. Wilson if he would take the PSSC's recommendations and put them into a draft proposal and bring it to the September 12, 2007 PSSC meeting at which time the subcommittee will further discuss Mr. Mena's comments regarding minimum standards.

He also stated that if there is no HSSC meeting scheduled that day the PSSC will begin immediately following the full CRC meeting.

Ms. West stated she would know in the next few days whether or not the HSSC will have a meeting and let everyone know.

Mr. Trower asked with regard to minimum standards, if it is specifically for leaving the scope of this Council as communications, or if they are looking at minimum standards in the form of staffing and other areas.

[Mr. Benson departed at this time 1:39 p.m.]

The Chair stated that it's up to the Fire Rescue Council to decide what areas of minimum standards there will be, and they would then make those recommendations to the County Commission, as it has nothing to do with police.

Mr. Trower again asked for clarification of the scope of the Council, asking if it would remain communications. The Chair explained that the scope is communications with the additional scope of minimum standards. The Chair asked Mr. Moeller if Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties have minimum standards in place.

Mr. Moeller: Not to my knowledge in Dade, but in Palm Beach they have attempted to draft some sort; the term minimum standards would probably be appropriate, yes. Just to describe, I wasn't supporting that position, just stating.

The Chair again stated that whatever the Public Safety Council decides as minimum standards would be recommended by the Council not the CRC.

Mr. Wilson: In terms of direction from this subcommittee, some of the instances that might fall into this area would be this software manning response time, number of fire fighters, those kinds of issues, or the level of service. The question that we have is, does the subcommittee want us to include minimum standards and other similar public safety matters that the Council would be able to consider?

The Chair stated he liked the language Mr. Wilson used, in that it is vague and it gives the Council leeway to make other recommendations.

Mr. Wilson: Where we're going with this, if it's the will of the subcommittee, would be other similar public safety matters as directed by the County Commission.

The Chair stated that it was a great idea and requested Mr. Wilson bring this up at the top of the next meeting for discussion.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Adjournment

There being no further discussion or public comment the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting are recorded on CRC-PSSC CD # 8.29.07 (BCGV CTR)