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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City of Springfield is accepting applications to fill a volunteer position on the 10-member Springfield Police Advisory Committee. The position currently open is for a representative from the Minority community. The term of the applicant chosen will expire in September 2020. Copies of the application packet are available at the City Manager's Office in City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, 541-726-3700. The City Council strongly recommends all applicants attend at least one Committee meeting prior to the appointments. The group generally meets on the first Thursday evening of each month.

The deadline to apply is July 22, 2016. Preliminary interviews of all interested candidates will be conducted by the current Advisory Committee during the regular monthly meeting on August 4, 2016. Interviews of the applicant finalists will be conducted by the City Council on either September 12 or September 19, 2016 and appointments will be made at a City Council meeting on September 19, 2016. For more information about the Springfield Police Advisory Committee or future meeting information, call Michael Harman at 726-2347.

Background:

The Committee was initially established in 1994 as the Police Planning Task Force, charged with developing a long-range plan for providing police services in Springfield. The plan was completed and adopted by the City Council in April 1996 and was updated in 2002. The resolution adopting the original plan included a provision that the task force be continued for the purpose of providing citizen input to the Chief of Police on long range plan implementation strategies, and development of police department operational policies and procedures. In 2014 the name of the group was changed to the Springfield Police Advisory Committee.

Membership consists of four neighborhood and citizen-at-large representatives, one School District #19 representative, one Willamalane Parks and Recreation District representative, one Faith community representative, one Minority community representative, and two business community representatives.