

MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Committee Monday, August 26, 2024

Committee Chair Carlos Barrientos called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Councilor Carlos Barrientos, Councilor Kirsten Collins, Councilor Larry Briggs, Councilor Michael Schilling, and Councilor David Shein (joined at 4:12pm)

Also present were: City Manager Brian Latta, Assistant City Manager Emily Gagner, Deputy Police Chief Jerry Mott, Fire & EMS Chief April Wallace, City Attorney Lane Shetterly and City Recorder Kim Herring.

APPROVAL OF June 24, 2024 MINUTES

It was moved by Councilor Schilling and seconded by Councilor Briggs to approve the June 24, 2024 minutes. The vote was taken and passed with a vote of 5-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Wallace thanked the councilors for participating the tour of the Fire & EMS Station during last week's city council work session. The Fire & EMS Department has taken 4,405 calls for service YTD, which is approximately 400 greater than the same time period in 2023. Of those calls, 750 were inter-facility transfers. There are currently three open positions for full-time employees and there are four candidates going through an assessment on Wednesday of this week.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Deputy Police Chief Mott provided a status update on the new patrol vehicle, which will be delivered soon but will take approximately six months to outfit and be entered into the fleet. There has been limited interest in the officer reserve program and staff is continuing to work with the high school on the cadet program. DPC Mott also provided information on a new drug detection system that they are looking into to prevent potential exposure when testing drugs. The two options that they are looking at are TruNarc and Narc Ranger, which are narcotics analyzers. They have access to a TruNarc unit through the Grand Ronde Tribal Police but they have to transport the potential narcotics to Grand Ronde.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Latta gave an update on the new police station planning process. The consultants are planning to hold an open house on October 2nd to obtain public input on the design of the station. The location and time is to be determined. Recruitment for a new Police Chief will begin the first part of December. Mr. Latta collected data on what the committee members thought were good

qualities of a Police Chief, as well as strengths and areas of improvement of our current department.

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None.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Herring
City Recorder