

## Public Safety Sub-Committee Meeting - Minutes of October 15, 2024

**Participants:** E. Delgado, C. Barnard, B. Mohan, S. Palau, S. Kelleher, J. Park, E. Gonzalez, S. Mack, D. Rockot, V. Leccese, S. Fries, L. Jimenez, A. Renz, T. Sumrall, M. Walker, T. Brause

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1. INTRODUCTIONS – 2:52 PM

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

*ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Barnard motioned to approve the meeting minutes of August 20, 2024, and Council member Delgado seconded. The minutes were approved.*

ACTION ITEMS

None

5. ADVISORY ITEMS

5.A. ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITY REPORT

Steve Fries, the Animal Services Division Manager (ASDM), provided updates on the ongoing shelter construction. He announced that the defective kennels will be replaced, with the manufacturer acknowledging the issue and committing to replacing all 24 kennels. An external expert will oversee the installation process. While the exact timeline for replacement is uncertain, completion is anticipated by mid-2025.

During the discussion, council members expressed concerns regarding the temporary use of the defective kennels and inquired about the number of animals currently housed in them.

5.B.i. FIRE SERVICES STATUS REPORT

Chief Park delivered a verbal overview of the Fire Services report. He highlighted over 2,000 calls for service this month, including fire support provided to surrounding areas.

Chief Park also announced that Squad 65 has been finalized and is expected to arrive by mid-November, with staffing preparations scheduled to begin on October 27, 2024.

Council member Delgado, expressed gratitude for the department's dedication during fire responses and commended the effective use of local hotels to support firefighter accommodations.

5.B.ii. FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

Fire Marshal Gonzalez provided an overview of school fire inspections, which are expected to be completed by the end of the week.

5.B. iii. OEM REPORT

Chief Park provided updates on emergency management activities, including preparations for upcoming drills and events such as the 'Shakeout' drill.

5.C.i POLICE PERSONNEL STATUS REPORT

Chief Mack submitted a written report prior to the meeting, highlighting key updates. She noted a slight decrease in calls for service compared to the previous month, while response times remained steady. Chief Mack also informed the committee about an increase in school violence threats, many of which were linked to national social media trends. To address these concerns, the Police Department staff plans to conduct an educational presentation during a school assembly rally to raise awareness and provide guidance on these critical topics.

The department emphasized its commitment to community engagement, with ongoing efforts including events like "Coffee with a Cop" and "Trunk-or-Treat."

Sub-committee members commended the Police Department for its proactive approach to addressing school violence threats and promoting community engagement. Members emphasized the importance of maintaining a visible and supportive presence in schools and the broader community to build trust and enhance safety.

5.C.ii POLICE UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

An updated organizational chart was submitted prior to the meeting. No questions were raised.

5.C.iii MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER

A written report was submitted, and highlights were discussed, including an increase in police response to school threats and the department's proactive approach to public safety education.

6. CITY MANAGER OFFICE COMMENTS

Assistant City Manager Brian Mohan expressed gratitude to the public safety teams for their continued efforts. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2024, with the option to "go dark" during the holidays. However, staff will still prepare and distribute reports to committee members.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Delgado expressed gratitude for the staff's hard work and emphasized the importance of addressing school violence threats through educational assemblies.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnard echoed Council Member Delgado's sentiments and thanked the staff for their efforts. Both Mayor Pro Tem Barnard and Council Member Delgado approved the decision to go dark for the November 19, 2024, and December 16, 2024, meetings in observance of the holidays.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was called to order at 3:14 pm.