



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES November 20, 2023

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Cara Christensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members: Councilmembers Cara Christensen, Rob Wotton, and Ethan Benson.

Mayor Katherine Ross (remote) was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Mike Bailey, Interim Fire Chief; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Jacob Fouts, Fire Captain (remote); Bill Wisham, Firefighter (remote); and Andy Latham, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MINUTES

1. Meeting minutes dated November 6, 2023, were approved as presented.

AGENDA BILLS: There were no agenda bills.

DISCUSSION:

Out of Order

2. Police Staffing Update provided by City Administrator Mike Chambless who noted there are no vacancies in the police department. Three officers will be attending the Academy in February, one candidate just accepted an offer, one is in the field training program, two recently graduated from the field training program and are on the streets, we have four field training officers with an additional two instructors to be trained in 2024 which would give the department a total of six field training officers.
3. Ladder Truck Discussion. Interim Chief Mike Bailey opened the discussion on the need for a ladder truck, review of commercial buildings, additional training and staffing that would be required, and current response plan. Committee questions and comments followed.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk.

Recorded meeting audio is available on the City website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the December 4, 2023, Public Safety Committee Meeting