



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES February 20, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Committee Members: Councilmembers Rob Wotton, Cara Christensen, and Catherine Cotton.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Brian Lynch, Police Chief; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Michael Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved as amended. Chair Wotton added a brief discussion of Committee Priorities to the end of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MINUTES

1. The minutes dated January 16, 2024, and February 5, 2024, were approved as presented.

AGENDA BILLS: There were no agenda bills.

DISCUSSION:

2. Fire 4th Quarter 2023 Accreditation Report. Fire Chief Mike Bailey introduced this item and spoke to the status of the accreditation process. Topics covered included the workplan, incidents, performance measures, fire inspections, and property loss/saved. Discussion followed.
3. North Bend Update. Police Chief Brian Lynch provided an update on 2024 police responses within North Bend. Discussion followed.
4. Chat with the Chiefs Update. CM Christensen introduced this item. Chief Lynch noted it was well attended and positive. Citizen concerns were expressed about crimes, property, and speed. Chief Bailey added citizens were concerned about their voice not being heard, staffing, and funding. Committee comments followed.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION: Chair Wotton asked committee members to review priorities as future topics.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

*Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk.
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Minutes approved at the March 4, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting*