

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM October 5th, 2023

Call to Order: 4:00 pm

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Chair Mark Wohlrab and Brent Lenssen

Others Present: City Administrator John Williams, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Police Support Services Manager Sharon Clark, and Fire Chief Mark Billmire

Absent: Jerry Kuiken

Approval of Minutes

1. Public Safety Committee Meeting - September 2023 minutes approved

Items from the Audience

Scheduled

Special Events Code Amendment, LMC 5.30 – postponed to later in the meeting.

Unscheduled (20 Minutes)

Cynthia Ripke-Kutsagoitz, Guide Meridian, Lynden – voiced her concern regarding the Lynden Library promoting grooming of young children. She is concerned about the books that are placed out where the young children can see them regarding sexual deviancy.

Fire Department Items

1. Public Safety Committee Meeting 10/05/2023 – See Attached Report
2. Provided many Community Outreach programs this past month.

Police Department Items

1. Public Safety PD Stats, October 5, 2023 – See Attached Report

2. Chief Taylor spoke to a particular Robbery case in which the officers did a phenomenal job. This was a Robbery at the Northwood Market, where 2 individuals went in with masks and stole all vaping equipment. Fortunately, due to optimizing the number of officers on during a peak call time, officers were able to locate the suspects and have them in custody within minutes. All of the stolen items were recovered and the suspects went to jail.
3. Greg Greenan's assistant is working on the ordinances that will adopt the new RCW's so that we can enforce the drug laws.

Postponed Items

Special Events Code Amendment, LMC 5.30 – Dave Timmer, Planning Department

There was discussion regarding the 4 different tiers for holding an event within the City. Feedback was requested for what is the appropriate number of participants to trigger the number 1 and 2 levels of the tier. Chief Taylor stated that whether alcohol is served or whether a band is present or loud music is being played would be a large factor in deciding which level was appropriate. Whether park rentals or public works employees are involved in setting up would be a determining factor as well. It was decided that all of council should review it and then be brought up to a CDC meeting.

Adjourned: 4:53 pm

Submitted by

Approved by