

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting – September 7th, 2023, Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM September 7th, 2023

Call to Order: 3:59 pm

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Chair Mark Wohlrab, Brent Lenssen, Jerry Kuiken

Others Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis, City Administrator John Williams, Fire Chief Mark Billmire, Assistant Fire Chief Kristie Watson, Fire Support Services Manager Kinsey DeHaan, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Police Support Services Manager Sharon Clark.

Approval of Minutes

1. Public Safety Committee Meeting -August 2023 minutes approved

Items from the Audience Scheduled

None Scheduled

Unscheduled (20 Minutes)

No unscheduled items

Committee Items

No New Items

Fire Department Items

1. Public Safety Committee Meeting – LFD Report - 09/07/2023-See Attached Report

Police Department Items

1. Public Safety PD Stats – See Attached Report
2. 2023 NW Washington Fair Stats - New security firm seemed to work out well. Received positive feedback from the fair staff.

3. 2 fleet vehicles that were ordered have arrived, 1 was damaged in transit, unsure if it will arrive prior to the end of the year.
4. Re: "The Blake Fix" Looking at adopting the newly updated RCW that provides more clarifying language, should be ready to present the new ordinances to council at the first October meeting of the month.
5. BWC's: Equipment and policy are both in place, should have everyone through training later this month. Tentative rollout date early October
6. Boiler update- Went out last winter. Repaired to get building through the colder weather. Past the point of further repair and needs to be replaced, TJ provided a range of quotes, and has more information on them. The final cost should be between the \$80,000.00-\$100,000.00 range.

Added Items.

Fireworks update: Issues brought up during August's Public Safety Committee meeting were presented to the council two weeks ago. 2 council members were supportive of reducing days, 5 abstained from comment. Per Committee Member Brent Lenssen, it doesn't seem as though reducing the days would have a noticeable impact. It would not address the issue regarding ability to enforce the change. Per Committee Member Mark Wohlrab, the main concern was not safety related, but rather a noise issue. If there were reported fires and injuries, it would be feasible to investigate further. Moving forward we will try to implement reminders to send out with utility bills, information on safe and sane fireworks, dates/hours they are allowed, as well as providing them to the Fireworks stands within the City to hand out with any purchases.

Will be keeping the days of use the same and move forward with education and information leading up to the holiday.

9/11 Remembrance 0800 at Lynden Fire Station Flagpole.

Adjournment:

1630

Submitted by

Approved by