

**CITY OF LOMPOC  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Meeting of Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza,  
Council Chambers**

**Open Session called to order at 6:34 P.M. by Chairperson Skinner**

**Commission Members Present:** Roberta Badertscher, Johnny Hudson, and Brittany Skinner

**Commission Members Absent:** Lillian Street

**Staff Present:** Fire Battalion Chief Scott Nunez and Police Chief Joseph Mariani

**Others Present:** None

**Public Comment on Consent Calendar Items:** No Public Comment.

**Consent Calendar:**

**Item 1. Approval of Public Safety Commission July 2021 Minutes**

**ACTION: Motion/Second: Badertscher/Hudson.** By a 3-1-0 vote, the Commission approved the Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of July 2021.

**Presentations:** None

**New Business:**

**Item 2. Discussion of addressing crime in the City.**

Commission Member Hudson asked if statistics could be provided, and Police Chief Joseph Mariani stated that he could provide them if he's asked ahead of time. Commission Member Hudson also asked for a list of cameras located around the City. Chief Mariani stated that there are well over 100 and that he would have to consult with the city attorney regarding providing a list. Chief Mariani shared the process for investigating a crime and how cameras are used in this process. Commission Member Hudson asked if the Police Department is expecting any money from the Cannabis Tax that was just passed. Chief Mariani stated that there is a portion of the funds earmarked for Public Safety. Chief Mariani shared year-to-date statistics: 2 homicides, 57 shootings, 184 cars stolen, 905 citations issued, and 930 arrests. He noted that the Special Investigations Unit, in one month, has made 12 felony arrests, recovered 7 guns, and issued over 45 citations. Tours of the Police and Fire Stations were offered.

**Item 3. Discussion on the ability of the Lompoc Police Department to designate one officer to be a community liaison for a neighborhood watch-type program.**

Police Chief Joseph Mariani shared that his priorities are to address violent crime, quality of life issues, homeless, and their contractual obligation to the LUSD to provide a School Resource Officer and a traffic unit. He stated those priorities need to be met first, at which time he would resurrect community services to include volunteers.

**Old Business:** None

**Staff Comments/Announcements/Updates:**

Police Chief Joseph Mariani shared that two officers just returned from a mutual aid request at the Caldor Fire. He noted he had received positive feedback from the hosting agency.

Fire Battalion Chief Scott Nunez shared that the brush truck and crew have been out at the Dixie Fire for ten weeks and should be returning next week. He also noted that the department had received a new fire engine, which will be on display at the October 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, that the department received a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 from the California Fire Foundation to purchase new fire shelters, and the department will be receiving a grant for new rescue struts from One805.

**Oral Communications:** None

**Commission Comments and Requests:**

Chairperson Skinner commented that she would like to see the Lompoc Police Department provide more information in Spanish, for example, the police app, forms, etc., to serve the community better.

Chairperson Skinner shared that she would like to see the Lompoc Police Department provide an estimated timeline for reinstating programs.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairperson Skinner adjourned the Lompoc City Public Safety Commission at 7:24 P.M. to a Regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., in the City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted for Commission review on October 20, 2021, by:

          // Alicia Welch//  
Alicia Welch, Fire Chief  
Public Safety Commission Secretary