

**CITY OF LOMPOC
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Meeting of Wednesday, November 17, 2021
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza,
Council Chambers**

Open Session called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Chairperson Skinner

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

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Alicia Welch, Police Captain Kevin Martin, and City Clerk Stacey Haddon

Others Present: Mary Jo (unknown last name), Jake (unknown last name), Yasmin Dawson, Pastor Jane Quandt, Kathy (unknown last name), Terry (unknown last name), Pastor Ron (unknown last name), and Pastor Bob (unknown last name)

Public Comment on Consent Calendar Items: No Public Comment.

Consent Calendar:

Item 1. Approval of Public Safety Commission October 2021 Minutes

ACTION: Motion/Second: Street/Badertscher. By a 4-0-0 vote, the Commission approved the Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of September 2021.

Presentations: None

New Business:

Item 2. Discussion on How to Address Public Safety at a Prevention Level.

Commission Member Street shared her reasons for placing this item on the agenda, noting that her idea is to have a community discussion to brainstorm. Her ideas include addressing violence prevention as young as kindergarten by having violence interrupters, neighborhood cleanup or community activities involving young kids and teenagers, and neighborhood or community watch programs.

Public Comment:

Several community members expressed their concern for safety in the City and also shared their ideas.

No Commission action was taken. Commission Member Street will bring the notes she's taken to discuss at the joint meeting with City Council.

Item 3. Discussion on Possible Letter to the Board of Supervisors.

Commission Member Badertscher is in the process of drafting a letter to the Board of Supervisors. Commission Member Badertscher requested that the item be brought back at the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

The request was seconded by Commission Chair Skinner and by a 4-0-0 vote, it was moved forward.

Item 4. Discussion on Draft Letter Regarding Body Cameras.

Commission Chair Skinner read the draft letter to members of the community.

Public Comment:

Pastor Ron (unknown last name) suggested an addition to the letter to include logistical needs such as communications.

Commission Chair Skinner revised the letter to include logistical needs and re-read it. The item was moved forward with a 4-0-0 vote.

Item 5. Review of Draft LPD App Flyer.

The draft LPD App flyer was provided to members of the community.

The item was moved forward with a 4-0-0 vote.

Item 6. Discussion of Dates for Joint Meeting with City Council.

Mayor Jenelle Osborne shared that the concept is to hold a joint meeting on a Saturday afternoon at the Dick DeWees Senior Center, with a couple of presentations, to be closed with a workshop to include the LUSD. Hopefully, she also noted that some of the funds will be allocated at the December 7 City Council Meeting and asked everyone to attend. She also thanked the Commission for their service. Saturday, December 11, 2021, was agreed upon for the joint meeting.

Old Business: None

Staff Comments/Announcements/Updates:

Fire Chief Alicia Welch shared that fire supports their law enforcement partners, they are asking for a second engine, radios, and an aerial ladder truck with the ARPA funds, and the new engine will be in service within the next two weeks.

Police Captain Kevin Martin shared that they just had an officer complete FTO, and he's now on his own; they received a support vehicle, an officer who will be graduating from the academy soon, and they have a dispatcher who is now a police officer.

City Clerk Stacey Haddon shared that there is currently a vacancy on the Public Safety Commission for District 1, the 2022 joint meeting with the City Council will be on June 21, and if anyone was interested in attending the December 7 City Council Meeting, there will be a large funding discussion.

Oral Communications:

Terry (unknown last name) commented that the City Council meetings are not always broadcast on tv or the radio.

Yasmin Dawson thanked the police and fire department for what they do. She believes that body cameras are good and that the D.A.R.E. program should be brought back.

Pastor Ron (unknown last name) apologized to the Mayor for commenting that the complaint process involved providing your name was in the 'Mayors office.'

Kathy (unknown last name) commented that she listened to everyone speak about generalities and feels generalities don't work. She believes that CAHOOTS is a program that works.

Terry (unknown last name) requested to know that the two taxes that were recently passed are going to public safety.

Commission Comments and Requests:

Chairperson Skinner thanked everyone for attending and asked that they continue.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Skinner adjourned the Lompoc City Public Safety Commission at 7:27 P.M. to a Regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., in the City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted for Commission review on December 15, 2021, by:

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