

CITY OF LOMPOC
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
Meeting of Wednesday, November 16, 2022
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza,
Council Chamber

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

Commission Members Present: Roberta Badertscher, Lillian Street, Ronk Fink, and Brittany Skinner

Commission Members Absent: Johnny Hudson

Staff Present: City Clerk Stacey Haddon, Police Record Technician II Kamille Rouleau, Fire Battalion Chief Cody Lee, Lieutenant Agustin Arias, and Lieutenant Allen Chisholm

Others Present: None

Public Comment on Consent Calendar Items: No Public Comment.

Consent Calendar:

Presentations: None

Unfinished Business:

Item 1. Discussion on Letter to the City Council Regarding a New Joint Police & Fire Station.

Commissioner Street provided a draft copy of a letter to the Commission and read that letter into the record. The Commission discussed the draft letter, the City's 2030 General Plan, the current and future needs at the Police Department and Fire Department buildings. City Clerk Stacey Haddon suggested the letter not use initials for the Public Safety Commission and the City Council and stated the City Council will begin formal budget discussions in January 2023.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Fink/Street. By a 4-0-1 vote (Commissioner Hudson was absent), the Public Safety Commission directed Commissioner Street to provide another draft letter for review, discussion, and possible approval at the January 18, 2023, Public Safety Commission Meeting.

Item 2. Continue Discussion on Homelessness in Lompoc.

Chairperson Skinner announced this item was her request and asked if Staff could comment on the procedure the City follows when the Police Department contacts or encounters homeless persons inside the City; asked if the new fencing at the undeveloped lot at 1800 No. H Street was installed by the City and for what purpose; she

expressed her concern of what she sees as an increase in the number of homeless persons inside the City.

Commissioner Fink professed this issue is one that needs to be addressed by several different agencies and not just the City, but must include action from the County, the State, and the Federal government, as well as non-profits setup for this type of care.

Police Lieutenant Agustin Arias stated all City of Lompoc Police Officers work very hard to help identify services to any and all homeless individuals they encounter and provide assistance to receive those services.

City Clerk Stacey Haddon explained the undeveloped property at 1800 No. H Street is City-owned and has been leased to a private company for a farming operation, and the fencing was installed to allow the location to be marked as an agricultural field.

The Commission continued to briefly discuss this matter.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Chairperson Skinner/Fink. By a 4-0-1 vote (Commissioner Hudson was absent), the Public Safety Commission decided to extend an invitation to the Mayor to speak about the City's processes and partnerships with other outside agencies and organizations to handle homelessness.

Item 3. **Continue Discussion on Donation Boxes.**

Commission Member Street addressed the homelessness and panhandling and suggested a donation box on different corners of the city so citizens can donate to those boxes and reduce panhandlers. Commission briefly discussed this matter.

Public Comment: None

The Commission agreed and decided the installation of donation boxes inside the City would best served from a private organization and outside the scope of the Commission. With a general consensus the Commission concluded this matter with no action taken.

Staff Comments/Announcements/Updates:

Lieutenant Agustin Arias announced the City of Lompoc Children's Christmas Parade will be held on December 2, 2022, beginning at 6 P.M.

Commission Comments and Requests:

Commission Member Fink requested the Public Safety Commission page on the city website be brought up to date with the Commission agendas, and minutes; and also requested the Fire and Police departments provide answers to the metrics page he handed to all Commissioners and Staff for fiscal year 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) and add a discussion for "Performing Metrics" at the next Public Safety Commission Meeting. The request was seconded by Commissioner Street, and carried by Commissioner Badertscher.

Commissioner Badertscher requested Staff provide updated Police Department statistics to the Commission at all future Commission meetings, as has been provided in the past.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:24 P.M., Chairperson Skinner adjourned the Lompoc City Public Safety Commission to a regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., in the City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted for Commission review on November 17, 2022, by:

Kamille Rouleau

Kamille Rouleau, Police Records Technician