

CITY OF LOMPOC
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
Meeting of Wednesday, January 18, 2023
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza,
Council Chamber

Open Session called to order at 6:34 P.M. by Commissioner Badertscher

Commission Members Present: Roberta Badertscher, Lillian Street, and Ron Fink

Commission Members Absent: Brittany Skinner and Johnny Hudson

Staff Present: Mayor Jenelle Osborne, City Manager Dean Albro, Fire Chief Brian Fallon, Interim Police Chief Kevin Martin, and Fire Administrative Aide Wendy Nesby

Others Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS: No Public Comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1. **Approval of Public Safety Commission November 2022 Minutes.**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Commission Member Fink/Street. By a 3-0-2 vote (Chairperson Skinner and Commission Member Hudson were absent), the Public Safety Commission approved the Public Safety Commission Minutes of November 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item 2. **Continued Discussion on Letter to the City Council Regarding a New Joint Police & Fire Station.**

The Commission discussed the draft letter and the City's 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. Mayor Osborne suggested the letter not just state the need for a joint police and fire station but also ask the City Council to take action.

Public Comment: None

Item 3. **Continue Discussion on Homelessness in Lompoc.**

Commission Member Fink suggested a memo be submitted to the City Council asking that this issue be transferred to another Commission, stating that the Human Services Commission would be able to better address it.

Mayor Osborne provided the Public Safety Commission with a flyer for Make Everyone Count, the annual countywide homeless count.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Commission Member Fink/Badertscher. By a 3-0-2 vote (Chairperson Skinner and Commission Member Hudson were absent), the Public Safety Commission will submit a memo to the City Council asking that this issue be transferred to the Human Services Commission.

Item 4. Discussion on Performing Metrics (Added by Commissioner Fink).

Commission Member Fink provided a report on Fire and Police department metrics and asked Fire Chief Fallon and Interim Police Chief Martin if they could provide numbers for Public Service Policy # 3.1, 3.2, and 2.1. Chief Fallon stated a Standard of Cover Study would be required to provide the numbers. Interim Chief Martin said the numbers could be provided by completing an in-house study. Commission Member Fink asked Mayor Osborne if it would be best to submit a letter to the City Council or if it would be best to attend in person. Mayor Osborne suggested the Public Safety Commission do both.

Public Comment: None

STAFF COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

Fire Chief Fallon introduced himself to the Public Safety Commission. He shared that the department has promoted two Battalion Chiefs and two Captains, a new Pierce fire engine will be arriving in May, and the management team is currently preparing for budget submittals.

Interim Police Chief Martin thanked City Manager Albro for trusting him with the opportunity to be the Interim Police Chief since Chief Mariani's retirement in December. He has created two acting positions; Acting Lieutenant Brian Dillard will act for a year, and Acting Captain Allen Chisholm and Acting Captain Agustin Arias will each do six months. They are fully staffed, minus one. They have one in the academy and one in the FTO program. A Community Services Officer was hired and will complete a 6–8-week training. He is excited about the future and mentioned that the Food Truck Fest would be back in May, and they will be offering self-defense classes again.

COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Commission Member Fink requested the Police Department discuss at the next meeting how Senate Bill 960 might impact Police Department hiring in the future.

The request was moved forward with a 3-0-2 vote

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Badertscher adjourned the Lompoc City Public Safety Commission to a regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., in the City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted for Commission review on March 15, 2023, by:

Wendy Nesby/

Wendy Nesby, Fire Administrative Aide