

**CITY OF LOMPOC**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Meeting of Wednesday, March 15, 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

**Staff Present:** Mayor Jenelle Osborne, Battalion Chief Scott Nunez, Acting Captain Augustin Arias, 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 January 2023 Minutes.**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Commission Member Fink/Street. By a 3-0-0 vote, the Public Safety Commission approved the Public Safety Commission Minutes of January 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Item 2. **Discussion on how Senate Bill 960 might impact Police Department hiring in the future (Added by Commissioner Fink)**

Acting Captain Arias shared that before Senate Bill 960, you had to be a US Citizen to be hired as a police officer. He said that they hadn't encountered a non-citizen yet, but when they do, they will go through the steps to do a complete background just as if they were a US Citizen.

Public Comment: None

**STAFF COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:**

Battalion Chief Nunez shared that the department is down two Engineer positions and has people in acting positions to get them ready for promotion. He also noted that the department would take possession of the new Pierce in late April or early May. The Brush Truck has been deployed as a preposition, which means it will remain in the City but be ready to go out if needed. The department has also been working on the budget and should be working on level 4, the operating budget portion. He also noted that there was

recently a fire at the Lompoc Valley Cooling Plant and that it takes a village; Santa Maria Fire, Santa Barbara County Fire, Vandenberg Fire, and Lompoc Police provided assistance.

Acting Captain Arias shared that they are currently in the hiring process with 18 applicants; they are looking to hire 6. Some community events are coming up: a self-defense class and the food truck event will take place in May, with 12 trucks participating, and the community academy will take place in June or July. They had 26 show for the explorer post, and 19 applied. He shared that there will be a swearing-in ceremony for Chief Martin at the next City Council meeting. He discussed shutting down floridale at central due to water being released from Cachuma. Battalion Chief Nunez talked about swift water rescue and what that would entail. Acting Captain Arias noted that the next police academy is in July. Next Friday, there will also be a Teen Summit through Parks and Recreation and the LUSD. One topic will be opioid abuse. The last group of officers will be trained on Narcan soon.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:**

Commission Member Street provided the draft letter to the City Council regarding the need for a public safety center and requested to continue the discussion at the next Public Safety Commission meeting on May 17, 2023.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner Badertscher adjourned the Lompoc City Public Safety Commission to a regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., in the City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted for Commission review on May 17, 2023, by:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Wendy Nesby/*

Wendy Nesby, Fire Administrative Aide