

**CITY OF LOMPOC**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2024**  
**City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza,**  
**Council Chamber**

**Open Session called to order at 6:36 P.M. by Chair Bacca-Cordovez**

**Commission Members Present:** Angela Bacca-Cordovez, Stephanie Bond, and Eric Preneta

**Commission Members Absent:** Richard Bedford

**Staff Present:** Battalion Chief Cody Lee, Police Captain Augustin Arias, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, and Police Records Tech II Kamille Rouleau

**Others Present:** 2 community members (names not provided)

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. A community member (name not provided) inquired about the location to access information regarding upcoming meetings and the procedure for adding items to the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Chair/Bond. By a 3-0-1 vote (Commissioner Bedford was absent), the Public Safety Commission:

1. Approved the minutes for the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of November 15, 2023

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

2. **Continued Discussion on the draft letter to the City Council regarding the need for a public safety center.**

The Commission briefly discussed the letter drafted by a previous Public Safety Commission addressed to City Council advocating for a public safety center.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Chair Bacca-Cordovez/Bond. By a 3-0-1 vote (Commissioner Bedford was absent), the Commission tabled this draft letter regarding the public safety center.

## **STAFF COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:**

Police Captain Arias delivered an update on the personnel status of the Lompoc Police Department (LPD), indicating a current roster of 43 police officers against a staff allocation of 50. Presently, there are 4 officers undergoing training, leaving 38 officers available for deployment; additionally stating, 2 individuals are enrolled in the police academy, and continued recruitment efforts are underway for entry-level police officers, community service officers, and dispatchers; provided notification of Chief Martin's announcement of the City's deployment of body cameras for LPD officers; stated, along with the entire City, the LPD is preparing to upgrade its land mobile radio system; federal funding through a grant has been secured through efforts by City Staff and Officials, which will update the City's 22-year-old Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and will streamline communications between emergency responders and dispatchers; related several department vehicles will be replaced in the current budget cycle; stated the LPD women's locker room facilities are to be expanded and enhanced; announced the upcoming Food Truck Festival and Blood Drive in May; and encouraged Commission members to partake in another ride-along with LPD and to enroll in the forthcoming Community Academy.

Battalion Chief Cody Lee of the Lompoc Fire Department (LFD) revealed the department is now fully staffed following the recent swearing-in of 4 new firefighters and is actively promoting and training Staff for positions including engineer, captain, and beyond; stated internal projects are underway, including renovations to station kitchens as well as efforts to enhance facilities with room modifications to ensure privacy during daily duties for female and male Staff; reported Santa Barbara County is progressing with the consolidation of dispatch centers for all County fire agencies, the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) system aims to provide medical guidance to 911 callers during emergencies, helping provide prompt response through global positioning GPS tracking, irrespective of the responding agency; explained ambulance services in Santa Barbara County are now to be provided by the County, and the City is working with the County to construct a building to be located across the street from Station 51 to house an ambulance and County Staff; and encouraged Commission Members to coordinate a ride-along with LFD through Wendy Nesby.

### **Discussion and Possible Action to postpone or cancel the May 15, 2024, Regular Public Safety Commission meeting due to Lompoc Police Food Truck Festival for National Police Week, that is scheduled for the same date.**

Chair Bacca-Cordovez inquired as to why the May 15, 2024, Commission meeting should be postponed or cancelled. City Clerk Stacey Haddon recommended the change to allow the Commission to attend the upcoming Lompoc Police Department Food Truck Festival, which is scheduled for that same evening, and proposed scheduling a special meeting in May on a date that is suitable to the Commission.

**STAFF COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:** (cont'd)

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Chair Bacca-Cordovez/Prenta. By a 3-0-1 vote (Commissioner Bedford was absent), the Public Safety Commission approved to cancel the regular Commission Meeting scheduled for May 15, 2024 and schedule a special meeting at 6:30PM on May 13, May 16, or May 20, 2024; City Clerk Stacey Haddon will verify the availability of these dates and Police Records Tech II Kamille Rouleau will send out notifications to the Commission of the date for the Special Meeting.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:**

Commission Member Prenta advised that he will help advocate in writing to local leadership or with volunteer work of projects at police and fire stations.

Chair Bacca-Cordovez spoke about homeless issues; expressed her personal experience of feeling unsafe both outdoors and within her residence, stating this is her motivation to be involved in the Commission, and requested a revisitation and clarification of the Commission's function. Commissioner Prenta agreed with Chair Bacca-Cordovez and stated he would like a formal answer to how they can help serve the community with structure from the City Council. Commissioner Bond suggested engaging the public to identify their safety concerns, aiming to address their needs and requests effectively. With a general consensus, the Commission requested a future agenda item to allow for the review and discussion of the Commission's general functions and to be able to provide suggestions to the City Council for possible changes.

City Clerk Stacey Haddon advised all that the Commission will have a Joint Meeting with the City Council in the next couple of months.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commission Chair Bacca-Cordovez adjourned the Lompoc City Public Safety Commission to a special meeting on May 13, 16, or 20, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully, submitted for Commission review on March 25, 2024, by:

*Kamille Rouleau*

Kamille Rouleau, Police Records Tech II