

Council Public Safety Committee

2nd Floor Conference Room
City Hall

February 28, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Members:

Councilmember Gutiérrez
Councilmember Cousens
Councilmember White (alt)

Staff:

Cliff Moore, City Manager
Gary Jones, Interim Police Chief
Aaron Markham, Fire Chief
Scott Schafer, PW Director
Cynthia Martinez, City Prosecutor
Colleda Monick, Community Development
Susan Madrigal, Fire

Others:

Tony Miller, Director
YVEM

Executive Minutes

Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

1. January 31, 2019 minutes

The minutes were approved by consensus.

2. Department reports

a. Fire Department

i. Fire Department monthly report

Markham reviewed the monthly report

ii. Fire Department annual report

Markham presented the YFD 2018 annual report. After some questions from the committee were clarified, it was **MOVED** by Gutierrez to forward the report to the full council. Motion **PASSED** by consensus.

b. Police Department

i. Community Policing Report

Jones discussed the beat officer program. Police will be presenting on the program at the next council meeting by request.

c. Legal

i. DV Response

Martinez reported that the DV advocate is expected to open in March.

Gutierrez asked Moore for updates on the Domestic Violence Bills. Moore gave the ok to the lobbyist on a number of bills, nothing is finalized as of now. Gutierrez read about McCabe's approval, it would be nice/helpful to have those updates and asked if updates be given on the March 5th Council Meeting. Moore advised the cutoff date for that meeting has already passed, but some of them should close this Friday and Randy Beehler should be able to provide those updates.

d. Public Works

i. Safe Routes to Schools

Shafer discussed Safe Routes to School and passed out a packet. Committee members had the opportunity to review the packet for discussion. Gutierrez asked if there had been conversation with the schools since December and Shafer said phone conversations have taken place. Shafer explained that there are two programs being discussed: Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School. Safe Routes to School is a State Program (one mile around each elementary school) and is a competitive grant. Complete Streets is a grant that can accentuate other projects. Shafer reviewed the memo, construction will start this summer.

ii. Traffic calming update

Traffic calming requests are in the process of being added to the City's website.

e. Code Administration

i. Abandoned building issues

Gutierrez asked if there was information that could be given to neighbors of abandoned/boarded up properties so that they can take action when there is activity on the property. YPD talked about the amount of time the home has been vacant coming into play, YFD echoed that and the need for an ordinance in order to enforce. Legal talked about a provision in the law for a city to condemn the property, but there could be a budgetary problem because they have to pay fair market value for it. Moore talked about the beat officer program helping to spread the word and said that he would talk with Watkins when she gets back regarding the vacant property ordinance; it may be a different scenario if property taxes have not been paid. Gutierrez requested this subject on next month's meeting under Codes. White discussed prioritizing code enforcement in school zones. Moore discussed the possibility of it being a summer intern project.

f. Emergency Management

Miller reported on YCOEM weather related alerts, a flood meeting last week and a tour that happened yesterday. Moore mentioned that city staff has cleared out a lot of area, but that Wide Hollow may be more problematic.

3. New Business

a. Proposed Cruise Night legislation change

Monick asked if there is any desire to update/amend the cruising ordinance. After discussion, Gutierrez recommended that it be put on next month's agenda. She would like a history of cruising night to be brought to the next meeting.

4. Other business

a. Public Safety discussions with Yakima School District

Gutierrez discussed that the YSD joint meeting with only cover two items per meeting and she would like to ask the committee to focus on Public Safety. White wants to make sure that whatever is brought is something everyone can work on. The first meeting will cover homelessness among students and the second meeting had several topics. Gutierrez is interested in pushing for Safe Routes to all elementary schools. White talked about the Gang Intervention MOU being one of the priorities. Gutierrez can present two things to full council (Gang Intervention and Safe Routes) to go to YSD. It was MOVED by Cousens to present the two items to full council. Motion PASSED by consensus.

b. Martinez discussed the Deflection and Diversion Presentation on March 7th. She is hoping someone from PSC can attend.

5. Recap of future agenda items

- Board up houses
- Cruise Night
- Deflection and Diversion Program
- Fire Code Inspection Program (Power Point Presentation)

6. Audience participation

None

7. Items for council committee report

- Fire Department Annual Report

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.


Dulce Gutiérrez, Chair