

# **Council Public Safety Committee**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
City Hall**

**August 22, 2019**

**3:00 p.m.**

## **Members:**

Councilmember Gutiérrez  
Councilmember Cousens  
Councilmember White (alt)

## **Staff:**

Cynthia Martinez, Interim City Manager  
Matthew Murray, Police Chief  
Aaron Markham, Fire Chief  
Scott Schafer, Interim Assist. City Manager  
Jeffrey Schaap, Assistant City Attorney  
Joe Caruso, Codes  
David Brown, Interim Public Works Director  
Joseph Rosenlund, Streets & Traffic Ops Mgr  
Leigh Kronsoble, Victim Advocacy  
Coordinator  
Evelyn Barron, Admin Assistant

## **Others:**

## **Executive Minutes**

With a quorum present, Gutierrez called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

### **1. August 1, 2019 minutes**

The minutes were MOVED by Gutierrez and SECONDED by White to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **2. Department reports**

#### **a. Fire Department**

##### **i. Fire Department monthly report**

Markham reviewed the monthly report of calls for service and fire inspections. Markham reported reductions in fire calls and service calls.

#### **b. Police Department**

##### **i. District Officer Report**

Murray reported 960 district community contacts or events to the memo date with an increase in positive calls. Murray relayed the message to the department is reduction of violent crime through exceptional customer service is a priority of the department. White mentioned an event and lacked police presence. Murray stated police are often responding to calls and may not be able to stop by at certain events, will follow up with department staff. Gutierrez requested more details on police community events.

- ii. Crime Statistics  
Murray discussed the crime statistics and referenced Project Safe Neighborhood and Operation Invictus.
- c. Legal
  - i. Shopping Cart Ordinance  
Schaap provided several recommendations for the shopping cart ordinance. The committee deliberated on options including fees from \$50 to \$500 and the impound timeframe from 96 hours to 24 hours. Schaap to produce a draft and present at the next committee meeting.
- d. Public Works
  - i. Safe Routes to Schools  
Schafer reported the Garfield Elementary sidewalks project is complete. Staff is working on right-a-way for the McClure project.
  - ii. DOT Speed Bumps  
Roselund discussed the purpose of reverse speed bumps and their purpose/price range. Roselund has worked with neighborhoods to try alternative methods. A traffic calming procedure has been implemented and educating the public.
  - iii. 4th Street Road Repair  
Roselund reported two week timeline completion to repair the ripples on the roadway, \$25,000 to complete. Other roadwork projects to add to 2020 budget. TBD funds report will identify and allocate funds for specific projects.
- e. Code Administration
- f. Emergency Management

### **3. New Business**

- a. Boarded Homes  
Gutierrez discussed boarded homes and abandoned homes, provided an example of a home. Discussed with Caruso the different enforcements on these type of properties. Discussed with Schaap and Martinez options for chronic nuisance, Legal will look further into this.

### **4. Other business**

- a. Discussions with the Yakima School District  
Martinez provided an update on the discussions with the Yakima School District. Schafer advised there is a meeting the following month with Trevor Greene in efforts to produce data for safe routes to schools.

### **5. Recap of future agenda items**

- Fire Dept. Update
- YPD District Officer Report
- YPD Crime Stats
- Public Works Safe Routes to Schools
- Shopping Carts Ordinance

**6. Audience participation**

None

**7. Items for council committee report**

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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Dulce Gutiérrez, Chair