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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 25, 2018

A Regular Session of the Piedmont Public Safety Committee was held January 25, 2018, in the City Council Chambers at 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a) the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on January 22, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynne Wright called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Garrett Keating, Lori Elefant, Andrea Swenson, Lynne Wright, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Fire Chief Warren "Bud" McLaren

Absent: Ryan Gilbert, Chris Houlder and Gina Scialabba

Also Present: Councilmember Jen Cavanaugh

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the Public Forum

REGULAR AGENDA

The Committee considered these regular business items as follows:

Minutes

Chair Wright requested the minutes be amended to reflect PSC member Swenson as absent in the Call to Order and Roll Call section, and replace all instances where Chief McLaren is mentioned with Captain Barringer.

RESOLVED, that the Public Safety Committee approves its meeting minutes for September 28, 2017, as amended.

Moved by Wright, Seconded by Keating

Ayes: Elefant, Keating, Swenson, Wright, McLaren

Noes: None

Absent: Gilbert, Houlder, Scialabba

RESOLVED, that the Public Safety Committee approves its meeting minutes for November 30, 2017, as submitted.

Moved by Elefant, Seconded by Keating

Ayes: Elefant, Keating, Swenson, Wright, McLaren

Noes: None

Absent: Gilbert, Houlder, Scialabba

**School Liaison
Activities**

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers reported officers have begun cannabis education for the High School Parents Club, with two more groups scheduled for February. They will explore collaboration with the School District and Wellness Center for development of age-appropriate cannabis education for high schoolers and 7th and 8th graders.

Chief Bowers also spoke of a threat incident in December involving a student at Piedmont Middle School. While the incident was well handled, he highlighted the need to increase safety collaboration with the Piedmont Unified School District (PUSD) along with need to be proactive in addressing safety and unified response training.

It was announced that the PUSD, the City of Piedmont and PADC is collaborating on a series of sessions called, "Let's Talk Piedmont" with the goal of building a more inclusive community. More information can be found on the

PADC website. The beginning sessions will be held on February 5th in the morning as well as February 10th and 11th.

**Crime Prevention/
Community Outreach**

Chief Bowers indicated that with the beginning of the new year, the department will begin scheduling additional crime prevention and community outreach sessions, such as the Dog Walker Watch program and Neighborhood Watch meetings. He indicated that the program has provided useful information to the department, but he hadn't received feedback on the program from residents.

The Chief indicated that, in August, Piedmont participated in the National Night Out program for the first time. He indicated that there was good participation for the first year and that the City of Piedmont received the Rookie of the Year Award from the national organization.

Chief Bowers answered questions about the new Police Records Specialist position. He also provided information on filling of current and future police officer vacancies.

Neighborhood Meetings

Chair Wright stated she received statistics from 2013 to 2017 which reveal that fourteen disaster preparedness meetings were held in 2017 and three of those meetings were in conjunction with neighborhood watch meetings. Moving forward, there were no other meetings scheduled on the calendar at this time.

Ms. Wright indicated that she and Ms. Scialabba were working with the City Clerk to post information on Map Your Neighborhood meetings to the City's Next Door account. She indicated that she would work with the City Clerk to get updated information posted. She also indicated she would work with the Piedmont Post to get information published. Committee members discussed other ways of publicizing neighborhood meetings including using PUSD channels of communication.

**Get Ready, Piedmont
Guides and Checklist**

Chair Wright suggested deferring consideration of this item, as Ms. Scialabba was to give the on this item. The Committee agreed to defer consideration.

**Boy Scouts & Map Your
Neighborhood Project**

Chair Wright reported Steve Kahermanes from the Piedmont Boy Scout Council discussed the Map Your Neighborhood project idea with the Scout Council Board of Directors and he would ask that they reconsider the idea again at their meeting in April. Mr. Kahermanes agreed to coordinate so that Committee members could attend and present on this project.

Committee members discussed the need to promote the project's work with Scout Council Board Members and suggested that more information be provided about the actual work and how the community service relates to the Scouts achieving their merit badge.

Public Safety Cameras

Chief Bowers reported that his department continues to use the cameras and to learn from their use during the one year pilot program. He discussed the effectiveness of the cameras in identifying a vehicle which was involved in a nighttime burglary incident.

In response to committee questions, Chief Bowers confirmed staff was currently tracking and evaluating the cameras' effectiveness, potential locations for their placement, alternative vendors and costs and these results will be presented at the completion of the pilot program in late August/early September.

Public Safety

Fire Chief McLaren indicated that the Public Safety Open House was scheduled

Open House

for April 28th from 11AM to 1PM. He reported on the activities planned for the event, as well as the food offerings. He indicated that the event could be extended beyond 1PM, should there be demand.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, OLD
BUSINESS, FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

Police Chief Bowers reported he will provide his Year-End 2017 Report for the next meeting. Chair Wright agreed to keep the Get Ready, Piedmont Guides and Checklist item on the agenda for the next meeting to allow Ms. Scialabba to report and provide follow-up.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Wright adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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