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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 28, 2019

A Regular Session of the Piedmont Public Safety Committee was held March 28, 2019, at City Council Chambers, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a) the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on March 25, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynne Wright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Lynne Wright, Committee Members, Shanti Brien, Jeffrey Horner, Chris Houlder, Garrett Keating, Amal Smith, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, and Fire Chief Bret Black

Absent: Committee Member Lori Elefant

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Committee considered these regular business items as follows:

Minutes

RESOLVED, that the Public Safety Committee approves its meeting minutes for January 31, 2019, as submitted.

Moved by Horner, Seconded by Houlder

Ayes: Black, Bowers, Brien, Horner, Houlder, Keating, Smith and Wright

Noes: None

Absent: Elefant

Crime Report

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers reported the City of Piedmont experienced an increase in reportable offenses from 195 in 2017 to 222 in 2018. He attributed the increase in reported offenses to larger numbers of larceny thefts and robberies. He indicated that the robberies which were reported during 2018 were generally street robberies where suspects approached individuals on sidewalks, driveways, or other public areas and took items of value. He noted the single home invasion robbery, during which the suspects confronted residents, indicated that the suspects in this incident were identified, arrested, and charged with numerous felonies. Chief Bowers noted a decrease in burglaries from 60 in 2017 to 47 in 2018, an increase in thefts, both general and motor vehicle, from 2017 to 2018.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

**Public Safety
Camera Subcommittee**

Police Chief Bowers reported the subcommittee, consisting of Lori Elefant, Jeff Horner, Chris Houlder, and Chief Bowers, organized several neighborhood meetings focused on discussing the Department's pilot, possible recommendation to Council, and answering questions regarding the public safety cameras. He also reported on the Special Public Safety Committee community meeting on March 5, 2019 on the topic of public safety cameras.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

**Get Ready,
Piedmont Guide**

It was reported that 200 more guides were ordered and that the committee was going to look into what the cost and budget was for revamping the design of the brochure.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

**Hazard
Mitigation Plan**

Associate Planner Chris Yeager provided a brief presentation explaining the City's efforts to create a new Hazard Mitigation Plan. He noted that public meetings are scheduled for April 6 and 10, and the draft plan was available for viewing at City Hall. He outlined the goals of the project, the various parts of a Hazard Mitigation Plan, and how it will make a more resilient City.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

School Liaison

Chief Bowers reported that he and Piedmont Unified School District (PUSD) Superintendent Randall Booker have been conducting numerous outreach meetings with stakeholders regarding the proposed School Resource Officer position. The majority of the outreach has been to parent, student and PUSD staff and other community stakeholders, specifically the Piedmont Appreciating Diversity Committee. The Superintendent will report on the feedback from the meetings as well as the information generated from the survey PUSD sent out at a future Board of Education meeting

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Wright adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. to the next regular Public Safety Committee meeting on May 30, 2019.