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**PIEDMONT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 21, 2021

A Regular Session of the Piedmont Public Safety Committee was held January 21, 2021, via teleconference, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the Alameda County Health Official's Order #20-04. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957(b), the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on January 15, 2021.

**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, Lori Elefant, Chris Houlder, Garrett Keating, Cory Smegal, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Interim Fire Chief Micheal Despain

Absent: Jeffrey Horner

Staff: Administrative Assistant April Fitzgerald

Chair Wright welcomed Commissioner Smegal to the Public Safety Committee.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no **Public Testimony**.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

The Public Safety Committee considered the following items of regular business:

**Minutes**

**Resolved**, that the Public Safety Committee approves the Public Safety Committee meeting minutes of December 3, 2020, as submitted.

Moved by Keating, Seconded by Elefant

Ayes: Brien, Elefant, Houlder, Keating, Smegal, Wright, Bowers, Despain

Noes: None

Absent: Horner

**Police Department  
Strategic Plan Update**

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers briefly reviewed the history of the Strategic Plan Update process. He anticipated completing and publishing the Strategic Plan in February 2021.

**Public Testimony** was received from:

Bob Kunselman and Joyce Hicks appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Strategic Plan Update process.

**Public Safety  
Cameras Update**

Police Chief Bowers reported the Request for Quotes (RFQ) is almost complete and should be released in the next month. He announced he would participate in a panel discussion about surveillance on January 28, 2021 and shared his position on surveillance.

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

**COVID-19  
Compliance Update**

Interim Fire Chief Micheal Despain reported the infection rate for Alameda County has improved slightly. He related the latest plan for individuals to register for COVID-19 vaccinations, the challenges of obtaining and handling the vaccine, and the role of incident management teams (IMT).

Police Chief Bowers indicated the number of calls about people not wearing masks has decreased; however, social distancing during sports at Witter Field remains a problem.

Committee Member Smegal announced the Governor has released a plan for safe school openings and the requirements for opening elementary and secondary schools.

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

**Earthquake Early  
Warning System**

Committee Member Keating shared information regarding the MyShake app, an earthquake early warning system developed by the State of California. He noted the app is not connected to public safety networks and is negatively affected by an individual's proximity to the earthquake epicenter and an individual's settings in the app.

Interim Fire Chief Despain added that if the app is effective, the Fire Department will assist in promoting its use.

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

**Fire Department  
Strategic Planning**

Interim Fire Chief Despain indicated the focus will be key issues for the new Fire Chief. He advised that the community will have an opportunity to provide feedback in February 2021. He noted one of the issues will be preparation of a formal Strategic Plan for the Fire Department. He added that staff is scheduling interviews for Fire Chief applicants.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Police Chief Bowers announced future agenda items include the Police Department's year-end report and a school liaison update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Wright adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.