



Public Safety Committee

Meeting Date	August 29, 2022	Scribe	Sabourin
Call to Order	Approx. 11:00 a.m.	Adjournment	11:46 a.m.
Location	Telecommuting (ZOOM)		
Attendees	Councilmember Shaffer; Councilmember Mercer; Chief DeBock; Lt. Sabourin		
Key Points Discussed			
No.	Topic	Highlights	
1	Police Officer Recruitment/Hiring Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Blaho continues to progress well through the FTO program • PD down 3 positions currently • An entry level candidate was recently disqualified from the background process • We have started the background process with a lateral candidate • We hosted oral board interviews August 1-3, 2022, for entry level and lateral candidates • We are hosting oral board interviews this Thursday, September 1st • Councilmember Mercer asked what typically disqualifies a candidate and what the process is • Chief and Lieutenant explained how we have changed the process to be more fiscally responsible • No real specific disqualifiers we see repeatedly, it is case by case • Police Administrative Specialist will start in the office September 7th • Councilmember Shaffer requested to have her introduced to council 	
2	Dispatch Contract Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are waiting on a final version of the updated ILA from Redmond, once it has been approved by their legal department • We anticipate bringing the ILA to council over the next couple of meetings 	

3	Public Defender Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current public defender rates increased substantially compared to the prior contract • We are currently negotiating with O'Brien on the updated rates • We have started the process of looking into other options for indigent legal
4	Mental Health Services Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redmond requested the dispatch contract get negotiated first and then the MHP contract discussions will commence
5	Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have completed our budget and have had a preliminary review with Mayor Ockerlander and finance • Waiting to begin negotiations with FOP over their CBA, hopefully soon
6	Police Reporting Form Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Shaffer requested updating our citizen complaint form • Changes would make the form more user friendly and easier to complete • PSC provided feedback that the form could use more context to make it easier for community to understand how to complete/what form to use for what purpose • Changes would also allow the community the opportunity to write a commendation for our staff • Discussed the procedure for routing the updated online citizen complaint form to a PD supervisor • Councilmember Shaffer expressed how he is trying not to create more work for the PD and would assist if we needed to discuss further
7	Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Mercer mentioned how school is starting soon and asked how the new SRO will be introduced • The new SRO is typically introduced by the school and can be done in a few different ways • Students' ability to trust and know who the SRO is and how to communicate with them is very important • Councilmember Shaffer shared how successful summer stage was this year • He shared that community members had shared with him that they had noticed alcohol consumption outside of the beer garden and marijuana use

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief and Lieutenant shared that PD doesn't typically involve themselves unless there is a specific complaint• PD is there to keep the peace and deter unruly behavior• Councilmember Shaffer asked about the schedule for marine patrols• Lieutenant explained that the river is low and that combined with staffing and weather, marine enforcement has been done primarily on weekends• Councilmember Mercer brought up the possibility of camera or other use of technology to monitor the beach remotely• Lieutenant expressed how it is not difficult for PD to walk down to the beach and monitor that way• Councilmember Shaffer shared the possibility of a drone as an additional tool• PSC is open to additional discussions to enhance technological tools at the PD• Chief DeBock provided an update on community events we have coming up over the next several months
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