

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM June 4, 2026

Roll Call

1. Committee Members Present: Mark Wohlrab, Lee Beld and Gary Vis

Others Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis, City Administrator John Williams, Assistant Fire Chief Kristie Watson, Police Chief Jeremy Bos, Lt Randy Humphreys and Support Services Manager Sharon Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1600

Approval of Minutes

2. May 7, 2026, Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

Items from the Audience

Unscheduled

None

Scheduled (20 Minutes)

None

Committee Items

3. None

Fire Department Items

4. A total of 244 calls for service were recorded during the reporting period. Of these, 198 were medical-related calls, with the remaining calls involving fire and other emergency incidents.

The department provided 13 auto aid responses and received 1 auto aid response. Mutual aid activities included 2 responses provided to neighboring agencies, with no mutual aid responses received.

Fire Marshall activities were performed at Lynden Family PT, Inspire School, adult home inspections and approving plans for additional projects.

The department was approved for the FIIRE Grant through L&I, and the piece of equipment chosen by the safety committee was a battery-operated stair chair, which

assists fire department employees in easily moving people from place to place. The cost is approximately \$25,000 and will be ordered later in the year.

Police Department Items

5. Police Department Report – 948 total calls, down slightly from the previous month, which was the highest ever. Fraud money lost for the month was down substantially, however 2026 overall will still be high.

Three conditional offers were given out to new officers last week.

Added Items

6. The Mayor mentioned that the city has been discussing a levy lid lift to support public safety better. The Mayor presented stats which included County Mil Rates and Lynden ranks at 6 out of 7 for cities in the county. He is going to propose a fifty-cent increase and as far as tax rates go, we are 17 out of 21. Further numbers were provided showing how this revenue could be spent over the next 10 years. A discussion ensued.

The Safer Grant was discussed, and it was decided that the City Administrator would check with the Federal Lobbyist to see what the chances are that we would receive this Grant, and then decide whether to apply.

Due to the furloughing of court staff, it was brought up that the court staff is having a difficult time keeping up with court responsibilities. It was suggested that a solution could be to use the sales tax money, not the grant money, to support the court in meeting their deadlines. It would be approximately \$16,500 to move both back to full time from July 1st to December 31st.

Adjournment

1700