

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting - 07/10/2025 Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM November 6, 2025

Roll Call

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

Others Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis, City Administrator John Williams, Fire Chief Michael Noonan, Acting Police Chief Randy Humphreys and Support Services Manager Sharon Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1600

Approval of Minutes

2. October 2025 Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

Items from the Audience

Unscheduled

None

Scheduled (20 Minutes)

None

Committee Items

3. Cutting corners ordinance – There are some issues in the city where vehicles are driving through business lots to avoid controlled intersections. It was suggested that an ordinance be drafted similar to the Bellingham Municipal Code that was presented. A motion was made to present this to full Council on the consent agenda.
4. Solicitor/Canvasser License – In order to simplify the process, it was proposed that going forward, any applicants would apply online, present their driver's license, get their fingerprints done and then bring back their background check from the FBI when they receive it. We would then issue the license to them. This way, the applicant is only dealing with the police department, and not multiple people/departments within the city. It was noted that the ordinance may need to be changed because as it states now, they must go to the city clerk for it to be issued.
5. Draft e-scooter Ordinance 9-2025 – City Administrator Williams stated that he had not received any further comment regarding this ordinance, however he had read recently where a top speed of 28 mph was suggested. The City's lobbyist requested a copy of our

ordinance. It was also mentioned this issue is gathering some traction at the state level. It was recommended to send this to full Council.

Fire Department Items

6. Fire Safety Report – Chief Noonan went over how most of the Fire Department’s overtime is acquired each month. October had 236 calls, up 16.83% over 2024. There were 190 EMS calls, with LFD assisting the County 21 times this month and the County providing assistance to LFD 5 times. There are 2,259 calls to date for 2025.

Police Department Items

7. Acting Chief Humphreys reported that the Police Department’s stats are about the same. We are down one officer, who is out on leave, but it is hopeful that he should be back sometime early next year. Corporal Myhre presented his letter of resignation, effective on the 30th of November. It was discussed with the City Administrator to start the process for hiring a replacement officer. A new Corporal will need to be promoted, but the Corporal list is still good through the middle, to late January.

Added Items

8. None

Adjournment

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