

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street
4:00 PM April 9, 2026

Roll Call

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

Others Present: 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. February 5, 2026, Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

Items from the Audience

Unscheduled

None

Scheduled (20 Minutes)

None

Committee Items

3. Massage Parlor Discussion – During a Community Development meeting, it was suggested that it may be appropriate to contact the FBI to conduct background research on the owners of these establishments. There are concerns regarding these businesses from a code enforcement perspective. It was advised by the Police Department that our Detectives were looking into it.

Fire Department Items

4. Fire Safety Report – December, total responses were 203, auto aid given was 10, received was 4 and mutual was 1. There were 3,843.5 employee hours worked for March. This was mostly regular hours. For Fire Marshall activity Lynden Door Truck Shop, Americold and Salmonberry Apartments were visited.

Police Department Items

5. Police Department Report – Stats are fairly typical, with the exception of fraud loss - \$386,629 from December. Most of the fraud is occurring via telephone to the elderly population. It was discussed that a Tribune article may be helpful.

There were 941 calls for service, making March a busy month coupled with being down 5 positions. March is historically a busy month.

The first distribution of the one tenth of one percent, \$30,000, was received for January. The disbursements are typically two months behind.

An explanation of the proposed Axon contract for body worn camera and interview room, for 5 years, was brought up for discussion before going to council.

The Unified Fee schedule update featuring body worn camera fees is expected to start in May.

There are now 11 candidates, narrowed down from 22, being considered for a potential entry level position

It was requested that adding a back light to electronic bikes and scooters and wearing a reflective vest be added to the next agenda.

Regarding policy, all major policies have been issued. There will always be updates to policies and this remains an ongoing project.

Added Items

6. At a recent Public Works Committee meeting, it was requested by the Lynden School District that the speed limit be changed to 25 mph on Main Street from 17th to the Guide, a discussion ensued.

Adjournment

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