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**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 07, 2021 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna; Jana Hoggan; Traci McGarry; Andy Miller (telephonic); Justin Noffske; Carol Piscoya (telephonic)

Members Absent: Ivory Okleasik

Also Present: Glen Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief.

In the audience: Barb Amarok; RB Smith, Nome Nugget

OATH OF OFFICE

A. Oath of Office for Briday Green.

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Clerk Hammond administered the oath of office for Briday Green.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 1, 2021 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes,
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A motion was made by C. and seconded by C. to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Police Accreditation with Greg Russell,
VERBAL

Cm Steckman reviews the accreditation of CALEA,

Gregory Russell state agencies form their own accreditation agencies. CALEA is very expensive. COTTS grant is available for cities interested in forming their own accreditation agency. Previous state accreditation programs weren't sustainable. Oregon law is closely related to Alaska law as AK law has been modeled after Oregon LE.

Hiring standards vary state to state - being accredited will support turnover in the CPO position. When policies are questioned, NPD can refer to the industry standard through being accredited.

C. Noffske asks are there any major contrasting differences between Oregon certification vs. CALEA?

C. McGarry asks is there a timeline to reach a decision

CM Steckman says it takes several years to achieve accreditation.

Russell says it takes 12-18 months to get established. Good for 3 years and renewal, plus training.

CM Steckman would like to see a system implemented to catch early warnings through logging. CALEA vs Oregon raises updates to procedures and trainings. Excessive force has been the forefront of concern for the community. Reduced lawsuits against the community.

C. Piscoya asks how do we move forward with accreditation.

CM Steckman suggests moving forward with the beginning steps.

Russell suggests CPO link up with other city CPO's to discuss what they're doing to move towards accreditation.

C. McGarry acknowledges the hurdles in becoming accredited, asking for annual figures.

Russell says he does not have a cost comparison for the programs.

C. McGarry asks is one accreditation better recognized

Russell expects the CALEA program may not translate well with Nome culture.

C. Noffske suggests a motion to make a decision.

CM Steckman assures there is money in the budget to move forward with a decision.

C. Noffske makes a motion

B. Sexual Assault Policy Discussion,

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CM Steckman acknowledges Sharon as the victim advocate.

C. McGarry notes OCS centralized intake is to be immediately notified, instead of nearest.

CPO Heintzleman explains the higher priority was the use of force to be addressed by an accreditation agency.

C. McGarry questions the sexual assault handling procedure. Ultimately, decision lies with the victim to seek treatment.

C. Piscoya acknowledges if NPD becomes accredited it will

CPO July 13th the assessor from CALEA will fly into Nome and identify where to improve.

Oregon Accreditation Alliance

C. McGarry CAC is looking at growing the facility to do more interviews and processing, private services.

C. Current Sexual Assault Investigation Statistics,

VERBAL

CPO Heintzleman emphasizes that cases are down. PD is improving morale, working on training and career development in efforts to retain police officers. Violations and traffic stops are down. Personnel in dispatch is brand new and looking to become a police officer, whom is Nome grown. Rotated Murray over to acting Sgt. that Gray Harrison filled, whom is now at City Hall doing IT. Waiting for a special investigator to join the team for sexual assault.

CM Steckman advertise AML, Indeed, and . If someone is an accredited officer in another agency, they will still go through a 3 week training. NPD attended the investigation of the murder of a local woman.

C. Noffske asked how the current figure for pay was reached.

CM Steckman has asked to do a wage and classification study, as NPD cannot afford what Fairbanks and Anchorage can pay. Living quarters were just approved for new officers, and supporting the relocation and on-boarding process. Cost of construction has skyrocketed.

C. Noffske asks about a housing stipend, if that will be offered.

CM Steckman says it's a possibility, but still taxable.

CPO two week on two week off program was successful in the past. Takes two to develop a good officer that's properly trained. The two on/off allotted room for more qualified officers.

CM Steckman says the goal is not to have a two week on and two week off department.

Community is frustrated that they don't know their police officers.

C. Miller regarding the two week on and two week off, the population is growing.

Construction crews are arriving, people are moving to where the work is.

CPO community police officer would be a benefit to the community, as well as reaching the kids in high school. They act as a liaison between the community and NPD.

C. McGarry mentions the two week on and off, is not complimentary to victim advocates/investigation. Case hand off would be an urgent priority.

Bob says email policy CC's more people in to catch missed emails.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Noffske makes a motion to remove Okleasik motion carries. Change the wording to elicit more candidates for PSAC.

C. Piscoya wants to address training for new council members.

CM Steckman training for the council members as well as on-going training. Most likely won't have any one up for training due to housing.

C. Miller asks if Briday Green was notified.

Clerk Hammond assured messages were left, but no contact made.

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS

C. Miller - happy with the new report and statistics from 2020/2021. A little concerned in how someone has been selected and not attend the first meeting. Also concerned in the lack of local interest in filling the officer positions. Tired of outsourcing work for Nome and appreciates NPD's current efforts. Four-wheelers are obnoxious on the streets, but would like it investigated. It's preventable. Maybe designate a track. New folks in town may test limits and there must be enough officers to maintain order.

C. Noffske says it was awesome to make quorum and pass motions. Thanks everyone for showing up and disappointed that Briday Green did not attend despite the pleasures of summer.

C. Piscoya reflects Noffske's notes. Excited about the new dispatch officer is local. If a commission member isn't regularly attending, it needs to be addressed sooner. Looking forward to the accreditation. Adds a thank you to Sharon as a victim's advocate.

C. Bruner-Alvanna says thank you for the work towards finding accreditation. Praises NPD for their work on the archived sexual assault cases. Looking forward to being empowered with training.

C. Hogan no comment

C. McGarry says thank you everyone for coming. Also felt stagnant with absences, reflects Noffske's notes. Appreciates learning the accreditation process.

CPO Heintzman announces NPD got an ATV for routine patrol on the beach.

ADJOURNMENT

7:55 pm