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**Nome Public Safety
Advisory Commission**

Briday Green
Justin Noffske
VACANT

Jana Hoggan
Andrew Miller, Jr.
Traci McGarry
Carol Piscoya
VACANT

Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna

**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna; Briday Green; Jana Hoggan; Traci McGarry; Justin Noffske; Carol Piscoya

Members Absent: Andrew Miller, Jr.

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief; Robert Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief

In the audience: Julia Lerner, Nome Nugget

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. McGarry and seconded by C. Hoggan to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Hoggan; McGarry; Noffske; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Nome Police Department Accreditation Discussion,****Discussion:**

- City Manager Steckman acquainted the Public Safety Advisory Commission with Robert Skowron, and his accreditation consulting services background. City Manager Steckman concluded by expressing interest in accreditation through the Oregon Accreditation Alliance.
- NPD Chief Heintzleman gave further explanation on Robert Skowron's work, reputation, and assessment created after observing NPD, and their daily operations. Chief Heintzleman expound on the different accreditations available to NPD, various distinctions, and NPD's goals towards accreditation. He stated accreditation would further develop NPD's policy manual, bringing a new level of standard beneficial for everyone. Chief Heintzleman noted a recent police call where a firearm was directed at one his officers; the individual was safely taken into custody however, accreditation and training would positively benefit the entire community in those instances.
- City Manager Steckman noted accountability and credibility with NPD, PSAC involvement during development of NPD accreditation, and setting a mission/vision statement.
- Commissioner McGarry in her experience, expressed the need for an accreditation manager and supported Mr. Skowron's report stating its need.
- City Manager Steckman stated there was some money budgeted for NPD's accreditation manager position and outlined the offsite camera system with NPD.
- Chief Heintzleman briefly detailed various equipment and training standards which would be elevated due to accreditation standards. He detailed onboarding prospective candidates with experience to NPD, and various obstacles involved in the recruiting and retention process.
- City Manager Steckman suggested the Public Safety Advisory Commission meet prior to the next City Council's meeting, adopting a resolution to move forward to the City Council for approval. A Special Meeting was set for September 7, 2021.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

1. Commissioner McGarry thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and is looking forward to the resolution being created.
2. Commissioner Noffske had no comments.
3. Commissioner Piscoya thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and was looking forward to next week's special meeting; noting the importance of the resolution being created for the community's benefit.
4. Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna had no comments.
5. Commissioner Green introduced herself to the rest of the commission.
6. Commissioner Hogan had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. McGarry and seconded by C. Green that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:13 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 6th day of December, 2021.

CAROL PISCOYA
Vice Chair

ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON
Acting Deputy City Clerk