



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Introduction of Police Lieutenant

RECOMMENDATION

Introduction and Swearing in of Police Lieutenant Jennifer Hannula.

DISCUSSION

In October of 2020, the City tested to fill the vacant Police Lieutenant position. Ms. Hannula was selected as the most suitable candidate and was ultimately hired on January 23, 2021.

Jennifer Hannula began her law enforcement career in 1994 with the Modesto Police Department as a Reserve Officer and attended the Ray Simon Criminal Justice Training Center. She started her employment with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office in 1996. Over the course of her career, she has worked in many capacities and has a vast knowledge of law enforcement. She has experience in Corrections, Patrol, Mobile Field Force, Critical Incident Negotiations, Peer Support, Mounted Unit, Criminal Investigations, Coroner Investigations, and Internal Affairs. She has served in the capacity of Field Training Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and Watch Commander.

Jennifer believes strongly in community relationships and has developed several programs while in Stanislaus County that gave back to the community. She looks forward to developing and participating in community events that support the Sonora community.

The Police Lieutenant position has been officially vacant since my appointment to Police Chief in May of 2018. I am excited to have Jennifer assisting with management functions and the executive responsibilities of policing. It is my honor to introduce Lieutenant Jennifer Hannula.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund as this position was previously funded.