

**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024**

Call To Order

Councilmember Prieto Duval called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Naila Prieto Duval, George Garcia, and Cristian Sanchez
Staff Present: City Manager Dan Ford, Chief of Police Joseph Mehline, Community Economic Development Director Andrew Hattori, Fire Captain Dale Northrup, Information Technologies Service Manager Van Donley, and City Clerk Heidi Riojas

Roll Call

City Clerk Riojas conducted roll call for each Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Councilmembers Prieto Duval, Garcia, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call.

Approve Agenda

Councilmember Sanchez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the November 18, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting.

Councilmember Sanchez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Building a Safer Community by Empowering Residents to Report Crimes.
Presentation by Councilmember Cristian Sanchez.**

Councilmember Sanchez presented his report for building a safer community by empowering residents to report crimes.

Develop Goals and Outcomes for Public Safety Committee.

The committee members discussed goals for the Public Safety Committee. The following are the top three goals:

1. Resource Allocation – public safety funding
2. Community Engagement
3. Crime Prevention and Traffic Safety

It was the consensus of the committee members to share the above goals with the City Council during the next Council Report time.

Receive comments from police regarding crime trends since last meeting on October 21, 2024.

Chief Mehline updated members that the October 2024, calls for service were 602, which is a slight increase from the previous year at 600. He noted there were 18 felony arrests during the month. Chief Mehline reported that the installation of the Flock cameras have been successful in solving crimes.

At 5:48 p.m., Councilmember Sanchez left the meeting

Receive comments from fire regarding calls and medical calls since last meeting on October 21, 2024.

Captain Northrup updated members that 71% of the department calls in October 2024, were for EMS/rescue totaled 140 calls for the month, of which 74% were drug/alcohol related. The department has responded to 1199 calls so far this year, which is higher than 2023 with 1141 at the same time last year. He noted that the majority of the calls are drug related or substance abuse aid calls. Captain Northrup shared from the increased volume of calls of over 100 for EMS/rescue during the beginning two weeks of November. He reported on the success of the Fire and Life Safety Inspections billing program.

Set agenda for the meeting on December 16, 2024.

It was the consensus of the committee to have the following on the next agenda:

- No business
- Receive police and fire reports
- Discuss modifying January and February meetings to Tuesday due to holidays

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6.18 p.m.

Heidi Riojas, CMC
City Clerk