

**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 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 and George Garcia

Absent: Councilmember Cristian Sanchez

Staff Present: City Manager Dan Ford, Chief of Police Joseph Mehline, Firefighter Trevor Oswalt, 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 and Garcia responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Sanchez was not present.

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Councilmember Sanchez from the December 16, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Agenda

Councilmember Garcia moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto Duval to approve the December 16, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting.

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive comments from police regarding crime trends since last meeting on November 18, 2024.

Chief Mehline updated members that the November 2024, calls for police services were 462, which is less from the previous year at 563. He noted there were 11 felony arrests during the month. Chief Mehline reported that the Flock cameras were used to locate a person that is now in custody and K-9 Grom had a successful find.

Receive comments from fire regarding calls and medical calls since last meeting on November 18, 2024.

Chief Mehline provided the fire update that the free version of the RMS system is not compatible to pull data to create detailed reports. He reported that staff will be researching for replacement software to be compatible for staff to pull data without the need for double entries for each report. Chief Mehline noted that 85% of the department calls in November 2024 were for EMS/rescue that totaled 144 calls for the month, of which 36% were drug/alcohol related. The department has responded to 1,368 calls so far this year, which is higher than 2023 with 1,223 at the same time last year.

The members were advised that there have been seven medical calls for service to the Extreme Winter Weather Shelter (EWS) since it opened. Chief Mehline responded that he would follow up on the number of calls for police services to the EWS since it opened.

Set agenda for the meeting on March 17, 2025.

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

- Receive Community Safety Network annual report
- Receive police and fire reports
- Discuss modifying January and February meetings to Tuesday due to holidays during those months

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Heidi Riojas, CMC
City Clerk