

**CITY OF ARCATA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**

COUNCIL CHAMBER
736 F Street, Arcata

NOVEMBER 18, 2020
Wednesday, 6:00 PM

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- II. ROLL CALL** Anjali Browning, Andrew Campbell, Lettie A. Dyer (Chairperson), Fred Johansen, Melissa Lazon, Jesse J. Lopez (Vice-Chairperson), David Pate

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Oct 28, 2020 6:00 PM

IV. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

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requires Committee action will be set by the Committee for a future agenda or referred to staff.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2020/2021 WORK PLAN

1. Item #2 Review Use of Force Policy
2. Item #3 Review Police Reform Initiatives

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review Draft Report to City Council
- B. Dashboard Report from Chief Ahearn
- C. December Meeting

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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OCTOBER 28, 2020
Wednesday, 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee via teleconference was called to order at 6:01 p.m. with Chairperson Dyer presiding. Notice of this meeting was posted on October 23rd, 2020.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Browning, Campbell, Dyer, Johansen, Lazon, Lopez, Pate

ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Sep 23, 2020 6:00 PM

On MOTION by Committee Member Anjali Browning and SECONDED by Committee Member Johansen, and with a unanimous voice vote, the committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on September 23rd, 2020.

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OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business carried over

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Chairperson Dyer welcomed new Committee Member Dave Pate to the Committee.

A. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

Committee Member Johansen MOVED to nominate Leti Dyer as Chairperson, Committee Member Anjali Browning SECONDED the nomination and Leti Dyer was elected Chairperson with a unanimous vote.

Committee Member Browning nominated Jesse Lopez for Vice-Chairperson and Committee Member Johansen seconded the nomination.

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Committee Member Lopez MOVED to nominate Melissa Lazon for Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson Dyer SECONDED the nomination.

No further nominations were made a vote was taken for the position of Vice-Chairperson in the order the nominations were received.

There was a unanimous vote for Jesse Lopez for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

B. Work Plan for 2020/2021

Chairperson Dyer expressed the importance of staying on task and explained the work plan review for 2020/2021.

Chairperson Dyer suggested we start with Goal 7, Safe Arcata Web Site. It was determined the completion of this goal would require the assistance of City IT and Vice-Chair Lopez would be the lead Committee Member. Vice-Chair Lopez agreed he would connect with City IT Manager Dillon Savage. A goal of completion was set for summer 2021.

The Committee moved on to Goal 8, North Town Footbridge. Committee Member Lazon volunteered to be the lead Committee Member on this project. She described her plan to seek plantings to help discourage camping around the bridge as well as a plan for beautification. Committee Member Johansen expressed concern related to an individual living on the bridge and the related waste left behind. Chief Ahearn outlined patrol options for the bridge. Chairperson Dyer spoke about concerns related to campers at the base of the bridge. Committee Member Browning spoke about potential service based solutions to help mitigate the concerns.

Committee Member Browning suggested many of the items on the work plan seemed to fit under the Safe Arcata Plan (Goal 5). Chairperson Dyer clarified the work plan was just 12 things they wanted to prioritize and decide what they wanted to work on and in what order. Committee Member Lazon explained the Safe Arcata Plan was a template to decide what the committee would do and how they would go about achieving it. The template would outline how they would identify the concerns of the stakeholders and how they would address those concerns. This could be as assessment tool used by this committee now and in the future. Committee Member Lazon suggested Goals 4, 8, 9, 10, and 12 would all benefit from the use of this assessment tool.

Committee Member Johansen asked to talk about Goal 10, Nuisance Property Abatement. He was concerned it was getting lumped into some of the other goals. Vice-Chairperson Lopez suggested the committee should refresh their understanding of the template and readdress this next meeting.

Chairperson Dyer moved to Goal 6, Community Police Oversight. Committee Member Campbell said he was still working on this and had received some of the information he felt they needed to make a recommendation. He thought a community survey would be helpful as well in making a recommendation. The survey could validate the need for oversight and attempt to gauge public confidence in APD. Chief Ahearn advised he had provided some of the requested

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information to Committee Member Campbell and still compiling the rest. Committee Member Lazon talked about keeping the options open based on what the data shows. Committee Member Browning suggested it may not be the committees place to decide if oversight was needed, but rather to recommend possible models only and the decision should be the councils.

Chairperson Dyer moved to Goal 11, recommending alternate staffing for the PD. Committee Member Johansen reiterated more information was needed. He thought we needed to talk to the union, the city manager and others. He stated he felt he wouldn't recommend clinicians or service officers, rather a whole new department in the city focusing on homelessness. Committee Member Browning explained many of these services exist through the county and service providers but there isn't enough. Committee Member Johansen agreed to due additional research on job classifications and explore how other agencies are working.

C. Reports to Council

Chairperson Dyer asked Chief Ahearn if there was a way they could report their progress to the council prior to their annual report. Chief Ahearn advised a committee member could provide a report to council during the time he provides his report to council. Vice-Chairperson Lopez agreed to attend the November 4th Council Meeting to provide an update from the committee to the council. Committee Member Lazon suggested they could report out on using the Safe Arcata Plan to address the goals on the work plan.

Chairperson Dyer asked if next months meeting could be held on November 18th instead of the day before Thanksgiving. Committee Member Lazon MOVED to cancel the November 25th meeting and hold a special meeting on November 18th. Committee Member Johansen SECONDED the motion and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was decided by general consensus the following items should be agendized for the next meeting:

- A. Review Draft Report to Council
- B. Discussion of Goals 2 &3 (Review Use of Force Policy and Review Police Reform Initiatives)
- C. December Meeting
- D. APD Dashboard Report

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 8:21 PM

COMMUNICATIONS**A. EMAIL**

No new public comment was received