

**CITY OF ARCATA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

COUNCIL CHAMBER
736 F Street, Arcata

FEBRUARY 26, 2020
Wednesday, 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lazon at 6:01 p.m. Notice of this meeting was posted on 02/21/2020.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan 22, 2020 6:00 PM

ON MOTION BY MEMBER JOHANSEN, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRPERSON DYER, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2020. AYES: BROWNING, CAMPBELL, DYER, JOHANSEN, LAZON, LOPEZ. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

B. Public Safety Committee - Special Meeting - Jan 29, 2020 6:00 PM

ON MOTION BY MEMBER JOHANSEN, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRPERSON DYER, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2020. AYES: BROWNING, CAMPBELL, DYER, JOHANSEN, LAZON, LOPEZ. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Lazon invited public comment. None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. GIS Web Map Editing

On request by Member Campbell, Chairperson Lazon to share the Web Map editing information with other City of Arcata committees.

Chairperson Lazon invited public comment. None

B. CITY OF ADELAIDE REPORT

1. Adelaide - Safer City Project Summary

2. Adelaide - Safer City Strategy

Upon review of the City of Adelaide Safer City Strategy report, Member Lopez suggested 5 key components to assess the neighborhoods of Arcata and each committee member was assigned a component to explore further assessment criteria.

Member Campbell was assigned to the component "Identify the main hazards of the community."

Chairperson Lazon was assigned "Linkages to other areas in town."

Member Lopez was assigned "Encourages community engagement."

Vice-Chairperson Dyer and Member Johansen were assigned "Resiliency to emergency events."

Member Browning was assigned "Promotes a healthy community."

Chairperson Lazon invited public comment. None.

C. Safe Arcata Brochure

Member Browning advised that the brochure had been updated to include the safety alert (Code Red) sign up information, personal safety tips, and area codes for all telephone numbers.

Chairperson Lazon to provide Member Browning with a list of changes that need to be made on the brochure due to some of the phone numbers needing to be updated after they were all verified.

Upon advisement by Chairperson Lazon, the wording "24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINES" to be changed to "CRISIS HOTLINES" due to some of the numbers not being staffed 24 hours.

Chairperson Lazon advised that the phone number for the Trevor Project should be added as a 24-hour alternative to the LGBTQ hotline for the youth community.

Chairperson Lazon invited public comment. None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion with HSU President Dr. Jackson

Upon inquiry from Chairperson Lazon, President Dr. Jackson and his Chief of Staff, Sherie Gordon to reach out to the student body to encourage students to attend the monthly Public Safety Committee meetings.

Chairperson Lazon advised she would contact Deputy Director of Community Services, Julie Neander, to schedule a clean-up day for the pedestrian footbridge. Lazon will also contact President Dr. Jackson's office to solicit student assistance with the clean-up day.

Chairperson Lazon invited public comment:

Paul Pitino, Citizen of Arcata - Concerns regarding sidewalks and lighting should also be shared with the Transportation Safety Committee.

Moonlight Macumber, Citizen of Arcata - Expressed gratitude for the presence of President Dr. Jackson at this meeting and requested that his office reach out to the student body to remind them to be safe and visible when walking at night, and to use flashlights and minimal smartphone use while walking. Remind them to be proactive for their own personal safety.

B. January 2020 Dashboard Report

Chief Ahearn advised that there was an increase in violent crime, excluding sexual assaults. Additionally there was a significant reduction in property crimes and response times by officers.

Chairperson Lazon invited public comment. None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee decided to place the following items on the next meeting agenda:

Restraining Order Presentation by Officer Anderson
Pedestrian footbridge
Safe Arcata Plan
February Dashboard

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by order of Chairperson Lazon at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Schutt
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