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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

3:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Peters opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present are Chair Lindy Peters and Councilmember Scott Hockett.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1A. [26-37](#) Approve Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of December 17, 2025.

Attachments: [PSCM 2025-12-17](#)

Chair Peters motions, Councilmember Hockett seconds the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 3A. [26-38](#) Presentation from Flock Safety

Attachments: [Flock Safety](#)
[Public Comment](#)

Police Chief Eric Swift began by introducing the item and stating the reason why the agenda item was being presented.

Lily Ho from Flock Safety began her presentation by providing a background on how the company began. She specified that the cameras were only for reading license plates and taking a photograph of the back of a vehicle. Ms. Ho clarified that the License Plate Readers (LPR) do not track vehicles continuously, do not photograph drivers, and do not take photographs of the front of vehicles. She went on to explain the benefits of the LPR to law enforcement officers. She continued by stating that no personal information is shared or sold to third party vendors. Ms. Ho clarified that all the data collected from a local LPR is owned and viewable only by the customer. She went on to explain that the data collected is only retained for a 30-day period and then

wiped automatically from the system. She finalized by stating that the only information kept for more than a 30-day period is an audit log of the customer's account.

Chief Swift reiterated that the LPR was not a surveillance mechanism, but rather a useful tool for law enforcement. The Chief stated that there was misinformation about Flock Safety and made it clear that the Police Department only used it for solving crimes.

Chair Peters questioned whether the data collected was accessible by federal agents, and Chief Swift assured that under California law, as an agency, they were prohibited from sharing any data with federal agents.

Public Comment: Bruce Broderick, John Allison, Dani Dawson, Charlie Ackernam, Mark Iacuanello, Jean Arnold, Jenny Shattuck, Kate O'Connor, Gail Lonner, Jim Heid, Annemarie Weibel, Anonymous zoom speaker.

Chair Peters explained the reasons the City Council voted in favor of the LPR; in addition, he stated that he understood the concerns of the public. He ended his remarks by expressing confidence in the system's operation and noting no evidence of misuse.

Councilmember Hockett stated that the LPR was a valuable tool for law enforcement when used properly therefore, he saw no issue as of now.

Chair Peters concluded topic and stated that, for the time being, the matter would not be brought back before Council unless there was local misuse of the system.

3B. [25-560](#) Review Municipal Code Chapter 15.06 Automatic Fire Sprinkler and Alarm Systems

Attachments: [Sprinkler Ordinance Staff Report](#)
[Att 1 - Fire Sprinkler Ordinance](#)

Consultant Marie Jones presented the agenda item and explained the changes City Council suggested to the Fire Sprinkler Ordinance.

Fire Marshall Steve Wells suggested to leave the ordinance in its original state and stated his reasons and concerns as to why.

Fire Chief Steve Orsi made his point by reading a fictional newspaper story that he would never want to live thorough as a Fire Chief. He ended by stated that he is not supportive of the changes to ordinance, given that his main priority is the safety of the community.

Public Comment: Paul Clark, Jenny Shattuck, Dave Brown

Chair Peters expressed his concerns and agreed with the Fire Chief's concerns. Ms. Jones informed the process to have the Ordinance presented to City Council once again with a revised Ordinance to have the original Ordinance back in effect. Chair Peters recommended to present a revised Ordinance to City Council.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

4A. [26-39](#) Receive Oral Update from Staff on Departmental Activities

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Peters ended the meeting at 4:36 PM.