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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

3:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Committee Member Peters opened the meeting at 3:03p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Lindy Peters, Bernie Norvell, Linda Ruffing, Fabian Lizarraga, Steve Orsi, Jennifer Owen and Lesley Bryant

Absent: 1 - Tom Varga

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Committee Member Peters and seconded by Committee Member Norvell that the Committee Minutes of August 15, 2016 be approved. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Orsi wanted to recognize and personally thank the Volunteer Fire Department for their dedication over the past few months. It has been busy and there has been a good number of firemen responding. He also wanted to remind everyone that it is a volunteer department and the officers take time out of their personal lives to respond.

Jim Britt commented on the incident at Purity Market where a female was accosted. He had heard that due to the fact there were no witnesses there would be no followup. He wanted some updated information from the Police Department.

Jinx Bridges was irritated by speeders, drivers failing to stop at stop lights, stop signs and crosswalks.

Kathy Silva wanted to thank the City for setting up the CERT Program.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

1. [17-073](#)

Receive Update on Implementation of Body-worn Camera Program

Chief Lizarraga stated the Police Department was in the implementation stage of the program, and developing the policy. There are very detailed requirements from the Department of Justice. There had been no thought given to the K9 units being issued cameras until Committee Member Norvell asked the question.

2. [17-099](#) Receive Oral Report from Staff Regarding Homeless Issues and Discuss Possible Solutions

Chief Lizarraga outlined the current policy on dealing with transient issues. He also reminded the community that the Fort Bragg Municipal Code has strict regulations regarding civil rights for freedom of movement. The Police Department do regular foot patrols and are aware of the local transients. They attempt to make contact with new people, but there is a fine line between consensual contacts and detentions.

Public comments were received from Jay McMartin-Rosenquist, Judy Valadao, Jim Britt, Scott Deitz, Tammy Lowe, Kathy Silva, Anne Marie Cesario, Susan Holly and Evan Dick.

Jennifer Owen explained the details pertaining to the grant to the Hospitality Center. She identified the requirements that needed to be met by the Hospitality Center and the timelines for programs to be initiated.

City Manager, Linda Ruffing, stated there were several issues that were discussed at the previous City Council meeting regarding the Extreme Weather Shelter and the Hospitality House.

Comments and answers to questions raised at the City Council Meeting were addressed by Lynelle Johnson, Paul Davis and Katherine White.

Public comments were received from Tammy Lowe, Susan Holly, Jeanne Stubenrauch, Kathy Silva, Jay McMartin-Rosenquist and Jim Britt.

MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

3. [17-072](#) Receive Oral Update from Staff on Departmental Activities

None recieved

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Peters adjourned the meeting at 5:11p.m.