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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Thursday, April 4, 2019

10:00 AM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

Special Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Committee Chair Peters called the Meeting to order at 10:00a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Bernie Norvell, Lindy Peters, Tabatha Miller, Fabian Lizarraga, Steve Orsi and Lesley Bryant

Absent: 1 - Tom Varga

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. [19-165](#) Approve Minutes of February 20, 2019

A motion was made by Committee Member Norvell and seconded by Committee Chair Peters that the Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Meeting be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [19-168](#) Receive Report and Provide a Recommendation to City Council Regarding a Proposed Conduct in Public Places Ordinance

City Manager Miller stated the proposed Code Of Conduct in City Facilities and Public Places allows law enforcement to enforce behavior. This would not infringe First Amendment rights, but would allow language and behavior that becomes criminal to be addressed.

Public Comments were heard from Jacob Patterson.

3B. [19-169](#) Receive Report and Provide a Recommendation to City Council Regarding Proposed Changes to the City's Camping and Sleeping in Public Ordinances

City Manager Miller proposed changes to the current ordinance regarding vehicles parked on private property, sleeping in downtown business district and personal property located on private property.

Public Comments were heard from Jacob Patterson

3C. [19-164](#) Receive Oral Update from Staff on Departmental Activities

Chief Orsi stated call volume is "off the charts". The total calls for quarter ending 31 March was 236, compared to a usual annual number of 600. There are multiple cases of misuse of 911, but all calls are responded to. The ambulances get most medical calls. People make frivolous calls to 911 for things like locking keys in the car.

Chief Lizarraga provided an update for CGAP Gang Forum on April 25th at Town Hall. Presenters will include Probation, Mendocino County Sheriff, Parole. Gang cases are still being pursued, there have been no more shootings. Officer Welter is now on patrol. Both academy recruits are doing well. Applications are still being accepted for CSO and Police Officer.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

City Manager Miller would like to have a meeting with business owners regarding their role in dealing with calls for service to the Police Department. Chief Lizarraga would be available to explain no trespass letters, citizens arrests and aggressive panhandlers

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Peters adjourned the Meeting at 10:46a.m.