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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

10:00 AM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Committee Member Peters opened the Meeting at 10:20a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Lindy Peters, Bernie Norvell, Linda Ruffing, Fabian Lizarraga and Lesley Bryant

Absent: 2 - Steve Orsi and Tom Varga

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Committee Member Norvell and seconded by Committee Member Peters that the minutes of the October 20, 2017 Meeting be approved. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

1A. [17-603](#) Approve Minutes from October 18, 2017 Meeting

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Judy Valado requested extra patrols in the late evening and early morning hours due to speeding vehicles in the area of E. Redwood Avenue, Cedar Street, Oak Street and N. Harold Street.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [17-602](#) Discussion on Shoplifting

The comment was raised at a City Council Meeting where it appeared a Police Officer declined to take a report for shoplifting as long as the suspect paid for the items. What is the Police Department policy on shoplifting?

Chief Lizarraga responded by stating this was an anomaly and that usually a report is taken, and forwarded to the District Attorney if a suspect is identified. If the suspect is arrested, they are usually booked and released with a citation as most shoplifting cases are misdemeanors.

An awareness program with multi group assistance could be set up advising business owners of their rights and options when shoplifting occurs in their business.

Public comments were heard from Judy Valadao

3B. [17-210](#) Receive Oral Update from Staff on Departmental Activities

Chief Lizarraga advised there is a Community Service Officer in the background process. Hopefully she will be on board soon. There is also an active recruitment for Police Officer.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

None

ADJOURNMENT