



City of Santa Rosa

City Hall, Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Public Safety Subcommittee Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Victoria Fleming and Natalie Rogers

Absent: 1 - Tom Schwedhelm

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No amendments and minutes adopted.

3.1 December 8, 2021

3.2 February 16, 2022

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

Leslie - concerned regarding violent dog laws, they should be not be returned to the owner, they should be impounded until they can prove the containment of the animal. If very violent, they should not be returned to the owner, investigation should be done. I would like that issue looked at.

Evan - Why was InReponse not on the agenda? It is one of the better moves the city has made. The subcommittee should be aware the public is very interested. Ongoing community feedback is high importance to community.

Pre-recorded comments were heard by subcommittee.

4.1 LATE CORRESPONDENCE - Provided for information.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 FIRE CHIEF UPDATE

The Fire Chief or designee will provide an update on current topics.

Chief Westrope and Fire Marshal Lowenthal presented an update on strategies and projects in the Fire Department. Fire Marshal Lowenthal mentioned a burn in June and it will be well advertised.

Chair Fleming is excited about the projects coming forward and thanked the Chief.

Council Member N. Rogers thanked the Chief.

5.2 POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Chief of Police or designee will provide a brief update on current topics.

Chief Navarro updated the Subcommittee with community engagement projects.

Community Advisory meeting is May 9 and will be sharing details and more about InResponse.

Member N Rogers and Chair Fleming is happy to hear about the programs, and thanked the Chief.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Icuevas - works with youth and families, would like to points of contact.

5.3 AB 481 - MILITARY EQUIPMENT

Assembly Bill (AB) 481 requires each law enforcement agency's governing body to adopt a written military use policy by ordinance. Police Department staff will provide an overview of AB 481 and steps taken so far to create a department policy and ordinance for a future public hearing at City Council. Staff is seeking feedback from the subcommittee.

Lt. Dan Marincik spoke to AB 481, Military Equipment. Presented the items and answered questions from the subcommittee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Evan - The USA spends more money on our domestic protections than other countries. Using any kind of gas on individuals is wrong. Had many questions regarding the military equipment that was

removed from the list, and comments on the kinds used.

Jim Duffy - thanked the Lt and wants the draft policy reviewed before the PSS before the Council. Get details of all the usage, see effects and benefits, and preventions.
Should military equipment be used for public events.

The subcommittee had additional questions and Lt Marincik provided answers.

5.4 POLICE AUDITOR

The Independent Police Auditor has been in place since December 2021. The Police Department will provide an update on the status of their work since inception.

Lt Harrington presented the item to the subcommittee and answered questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric - Appreciate the work the Professional Standards Team does. Thinks that the public would like to hear directly from OIR. Just because you have not had a lot of reports, doesn't mean that things aren't happening.

Jim Duffy - Receipt of citizens complaints, looking at the police web page, not clear that you can submit directly to OIR Group. That should be fixed ASAP. Community outreach by Community Ambassador team. It is a farce that oversight appointed by the Chief, and customers submitting complaints to the Chief.

Chief Navarro mentioned that there is a way to contact OIR directly and will make sure that it is clear on the website. C-CAT is not an oversight committee, but OIR will speak with them.
OIR will speak to the City Council as well.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fleming adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

Approved on:

Elizabeth Licursi,
Recording Secretary