



City of Santa Rosa

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

Public Safety Subcommittee Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, November 23, 2020

9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Schwedhelm called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 AM.

Present: 3 - Tom Schwedhelm, Victoria Fleming and John Sawyer

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 July 1, 2020 - Draft Minutes

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

Approved as submitted.

4.2 September 25, 2020 - Draft Minutes

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

Approved as submitted.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 SANTA ROSA FIRE DEPARTMENT WILDLAND RESILIENCY AND RESPONSE STRATEGIC PLAN

Staff will present the Santa Rosa Fire Department Wildland Resiliency and Response Strategic Plan. This plan will guide the Fire Department into the future to address the improvement or enhancement of the prevention, mitigation, and operational response components of the organization to the wildland fire threat. This plan provides short, mid, and long-term solutions through a holistic assessment and adjustment to the organization to better prepare for and respond to the increased threat of wildland fires within or entering the City limits.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
 [Presentation - revised/uploaded 11/16/20](#)

Fire Chief Tony Gossner introduced the item and Deputy Chief Westrope presented and answered questions from the subcommittee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Mayor recessed the meeting at 10:05 A.M. and reconvened at 10:15 A.M.

Present: 3 - Tom Schwedhelm, Victoria Fleming and John Sawyer

5.2 SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Staff will provide a department-wide analysis of the historical staffing trends, including staffing within the investigative units and special assignments. The study will include fifteen years of historical data of overall staffing and calls for service. Staff will also provide an update on current recruitment efforts and succession planning.

Attachments: [Presentation for Item 5.2 and Item 5.3](#)

Chief Navarro presented the item and answered subcommittee member's questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Colin Metcalf spoke regarding support for a CAHOOTs style program; reframe thinking to a more cooperative approach and work with society instead of fighting it.

Lee spoke in support of a change in the public culture revealing the dangers of police, the public demands for defunding of police, the move towards programs such as CAHOOTS.

Michael Titone spoke in support of the last two speaker's comments.

Daniela thanked the subcommittee for the meeting; echoed the comments of previous speakers regarding societal changes and the call to invest more in the community.

Mayor Schwedhelm recessed the meeting and reconvened at 12:00 P.M.

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5.3 SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT TIMELINE FOR MODEL FOR RESPONSE TO MENTAL ILLNESS/HOMELESSNESS

Staff will provide a brief update on the expected timeline for working with the White Bird Clinic to provide in-depth analysis and the development of a model for the City of Santa Rosa's response to mental illness and homelessness outreach.

Attachments: [Presentation for Item 5.2 and Item 5.3](#)

Police Captain Cregan gave an update and answered Subcommittee member's questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee spoke regarding concern for those experiencing mental illness defund the police and invest in the community and public health.

Baylee spoke regarding support for the Cahoots model.

Daniela shared her compassion for last two callers and the whole community that is experiencing more mental health issues, expressed gratitude that a long overdue CAHOOTS style program is coming to Santa Rosa.

Catherine's voicemail public comment was played thanking the subcommittee on implementing more mental health and homelessness solutions and many are concerned that winter is approaching and homeless sweeps should not occur during this vulnerable time.

Amelia's voicemail public comment was played in support of the City of Santa Rosa addressing the crises of mental health and homelessness, but for the time being it is imperative to cease homeless encampment sweeps and evictions.

Belle Alvarez's voicemail public comment was played in support of those helping out the homeless community and we should stop the sweeps of homeless encampments and what is the harm in letting people stay on these unused properties?

5.4 AFTER ACTION REVIEW UPDATE

Santa Rosa Police Department will provide a brief update on the After Action Review of the response to the peaceful protests and civil unrest in May and June 2020.

Police Chief Navarro gave a brief update on the timeline of the After Action report and expects the report to be ready in January.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Due to technical difficulties, returned to Item #5.3 for voicemail public comment.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schwedhelm adjourned the meeting at 12:35 PM.

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Approved on: August 11, 2021

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Recording Secretary