



Public Safety Committee

Meeting Date	May 31, 2022	Scribe	Sabourin
Call to Order	11:00 a.m.	Adjournment	11:56 a.m.
Location	Telecommuting (ZOOM)		
Attendees	Mayor Pro-Tem McHenry, Councilmember Shaffer; Councilmember Mercer; Chief DeBock; Lt. Sabourin		
Key Points Discussed			
No.	Topic	Highlights	
1	Police Officer Recruitment/Hiring Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit Head is set to graduate BLEA on 6/16. Officers Gunnhild and Garibay have completed FTO and are on solo patrol. One Sergeant candidate currently in background process. Two (2) lateral candidates in background as well. PD Administration interviewed five (5) candidates for the administrative specialist position and have narrowed the list to two (2) candidates. Hoping to have position selected by the end of the week. Three (3) lateral officer candidates recently tested. MPT McHenry asked where we are with staffing currently. Chief DeBock explained that if those in background get hired, PD will be fully staffed. Councilmember Mercer asked for a breakdown of how our agency is structured. 	
2	SRO/DARE Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lt. Sabourin met with RSD to re-negotiate full time and part time SRO ILAs. RSD agreed to \$40,000 for the part time SRO liaison, for the 2022-2023 school year. Full time SRO specifics will need to be bargained in the CBA with the Police Guild, which will happen this summer. RSD interviewed Officer Dunklee for SRO position and the interview went well. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DARE has been discussed several times over the past several months. Being given enough time for DARE at the schools has been difficult this year. Waiting on final confirmation from the district that they want to continue with the DARE program. • If it is not the DARE program, PD will explore options for similar curriculum at the schools.
3	Collective Bargaining Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt. Sabourin attended LRI conference recently and received updated information related to bargaining. Inflation was a big topic of discussion and will be a factor at the bargaining table with the Police Guild. • Councilmember Shaffer asked if there is anything council can do to help with collective bargaining. Chief DeBock responded not at this time.
4	New Officer Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Officer introductions have been moved to July, for a variety of reasons. • Councilmember Mercer mentioned that he has seen news related to staffing issues, specifically the potential for lowering standards to get more staffing. • PD has not lowered standards and is working hard to get the best candidates for the community. • New Officers could possibly be introduced over two separate dates, or possibly a special event.
5	Water Safety Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt. Sabourin provided an update on the marine program. • Jet skis have been striped and were broken in last week. • Training for staff is coming up June 6th and June 9th. • Additional shifts have been posted for marine patrols on the river. • Councilmember Shaffer provided Councilmember Mercer with a background on the safety issues on the river and how the jet ski program came about. • Councilmember Mercer asked if PD has a trained diver or are those services done through another agency? • Lt. Sabourin explained that depending on the scenario, PD has contingency plans through FD45 and KCSO.

6	Bike Helmet Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief DeBock explained the history of the bike helmet program with FD45. • Tried to get helmets in time for earth day but found that we needed to get helmets fitted professionally. • Discussion related to purchasing helmets for the community or charging for them. • Councilmember Mercer brought up KC decriminalizing bike helmets and asked how that has affected the City. • MPT McHenry asked about working to provide the community with helmets, at no cost. • Councilmember Shaffer advised that it would be a good use of City funds to give away bike helmets to the community. • MPT McHenry and Councilmember Shaffer shared personal stories about how bike helmets have helped them. • MPT McHenry asked if the City provides the community helmets, do we need to verify those that get helmets are City residents, to avoid gifting of public funds?
7	MHP Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KC Councilmember Perry has made this a priority in her district. • Chief DeBock has been meeting with her office monthly and has spoke with Redmond Chief Lowe about a possible ILA with the City of Redmond. • PD has utilized Redmond PD's MHP and she has done a great job. However, she is very busy. • Councilmember Shaffer expressed how pleased he is with making mental health a priority.
8	Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redmond Chief expressed interest in re-negotiating our dispatch contract with the City of Redmond. • Councilmember Shaffer asked about PD's plans for Duvall Days. Chief provided a brief update on our operational plan for the event. • MPT McHenry and Councilmember Shaffer shared how they will be in the parade this year. • MPT McHenry shared that there has been a lot of discussion on social media related to the speed change on Big Rock Road. Specifically, it was requested that PD provide a breakdown of where paid money from an infraction goes.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councilmember Mercer asked how we decide to move the speed trailer around.• Chief explained that the trailer is moved based on problem areas, citizen complaints, traffic trends, etc.• Councilmember Shaffer explained that he is a proponent of keeping the lower speed limit on Big Rock Road.
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