



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Clark Hammelman
Robert Dziubla
Trevor Knotts
Don MacBrayne
Chairperson Nate Marsh
Richard Morton
Andy Powell
Steve Thayer
Laurie Van Court

Thursday, August 1, 2024

3:00 PM

Castle Rock Municipal Courtroom
100 Perry St., Castle Rock, CO 80104

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that all times indicated on the agenda are approximate and interested parties are encouraged to be present earlier than the posted time.

Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson Marsh called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

GUESTS - Town Manager Dave Corliss

Present 8 - Vice Chair Clark Hammelman, Andy Powell, Richard Morton, Steve Thayer, Laurie Van Court, Chairperson Nate Marsh, Trevor Knotts, and Robert Dziubla

Attendance 4 - Laura Cavey, Norris Croom, Tim Gorman, and Deborah Stanley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2024-021](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - Jul. 11, 2024

Attachments: [PSC Jul. 11, 2024 minutes](#)

Mr. Dziubla moved to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes. Ms. Van Court seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 8 - Vice Chair Hammelman, Powell, Morton, Thayer, Van Court, Chairperson Marsh, Knotts, and Dziubla

Special Guest Speaker - Dave Corliss, Town Manager

Town Manager Dave Corliss gave a presentation on the Public Safety ballot measure, to be voted on by Council, August 20.

- Town Council is considering placing on this November's ballot, a request for a 0.2% sales tax increase. This increase would provide the funding needed to hire 40 fire and police employees from 2025 to 2029. The proposed sales tax increase would amount to 20 cents on a \$100 purchase.
- The Town's property tax mill levy rate has declined by 46% since 2011. The owner of a median-valued home in Castle Rock (\$663,360) pays only \$37.50 in Town property tax annually.
- The Town's sales tax rate has been the same since 2011 and cannot keep pace with the growing cost of maintaining excellent Police, Fire, and EMS services.
- The majority of shoppers in Castle Rock come from out of Town, meaning the majority of the Town's sales tax revenue is not paid by Castle Rock residents. If a household buys \$30,000 in taxable goods annually within Castle Rock, the total proposed increase would amount to \$60, which would be spread out over hundreds of transactions during the year.

- Discussion ensued on the funding of SRO's and using neighboring agencies to cover for the Fire Department when resources are depleted.
- Brief discussion on Dawson Ridge Phase 3 and the proposed Pine Canyon development.

Fire Department Report

[PS 2024-022](#) CRFD June Report

Attachments: [CRFD June Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's June report prior to today's meeting.
- The goats are completing their mitigation work in the Metzler Family Open Space. They will then be moved to The Woodlands.
- The department received six proposals for architectural services for Station 156. Only two were selected to move forward with interviews. RS&H (formally HB&A), the lowest bidder, has been chosen.
- The department will be going to Council in mid-August, with an agreement to replace its cardiac monitors.
- Three candidates started West Metro's Fire Academy yesterday. They will graduate in December.
- The xeriscaping project at Station 153 is three quarters completed. Once finished, the contractor will start xeriscaping Station 154.
- The Town has enacted Stage 2 fire restrictions due to weather conditions and limited resources.
- We have sent resources back and forth to help fight the Quarry fire. California, Oregon, and Washington are currently using many of the nation's resources. Thanks to the County Commissioners, Douglas County has a private helicopter available for Wildland fires.

Police Department Report

[PS 2024-023](#) CRPD June Report

Attachments: [CRPD June Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's June report prior to today's meeting.
- Commander Gorman was asked if the carjacking suspect would be tried in Douglas County - Yes.
- If the Public Safety ballet proposal passes, does the Police Department foresees any challenges with hiring additional officers in 2025? No, Castle Rock is a desirable place to work - Commander Gorman.
- The Police Department tour scheduled for today has been rescheduled for September due to time restraints.

New Business

- PSC members are invited to advocate for the Public Safety ballot measure at any public meeting, including National Night Out and Council Open Houses.
- Chairperson Marsh made a recommendation to honor Don MacBrayne, a member of the Public Safety Commission, who recently passed away. Commission members recognized him for his service, dedication and commitment to the Public Safety Commission.

Adjourn

Ms. Van Court made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Dziubla seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Courtroom