



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Dan Smoker
Vice Chair Kerstin Keough
Jose Guerrero
Nate Marsh
Janet Peterson
Carl Smith
Steve Thayer
Mike Wells
Chrissy Williams

Thursday, August 6, 2020

3:00 PM

301 Malibu St. - Red Room
Castle Rock, CO 80109

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 Smoker called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Present 7 - Vice Chair Kerstin Keough, Chairperson Dan Smoker, Jose Guerrero, Nate Marsh, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, and Mike Wells

Not Present 2 - Janet Peterson, and Chrissy Williams

Attendance 3 - Norris Croom, Jack Cauley, and Deborah Stanley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2020-023](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - July 2, 2020

Attachments: [PSC07-02-2020 Minutes](#)

Mr. Marsh moved to approve the July 2, 2020 minutes. Mr. Thayer seconded the motion: the motion carried

Yes: 7 - Vice Chair Keough, Chairperson Smoker, Guerrero, Marsh, Smith, Thayer, and Wells

Not Present: 2 - Peterson, and Williams

Fire Department Report

[PS 2020-022](#) CRFD June Report

Attachments: [CRFD June Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's June report.
- It was announced at this morning's Department Directors meeting that June's preliminary sale tax numbers for the Town, are even with or a little above June of 2019. With this news -
 - The pay freeze has been lifted.
 - The department has been re-approved to move forward with bay modifications (raising the openings to 14 feet to better accommodate vehicles), at Stations 154 and 155.
 - The department has also been given the go ahead to proceed with planned SCBA replacements. The current

equipment is 10 years old and reaching end of life. Replacement costs are \$1.1 million. All equipment must be swapped out, cannot piecemeal. Project is expected to be completed in the last quarter of this year or the first quarter of 2021.

- The Fire Department has received approval to use some of the CARES Act funding to purchase powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs) and dryers and extractors/washers for the bunker gear.
 - PAPRs will help alleviate some of our respiratory challenges.
 - The PAPRs (box filters that attach to SCBA masks) will be given to each employee.
 - PAPRs will not only be used for COVID responses but also for other types of calls.
 - The extractors/washers and dryers, which will help to alleviate our decontamination issues, will be installed at the three stations that do not have this equipment.
 - There is no impact to the Town's budget for these purchases.
- The 2021 budget is nearly finalized and will be presented to Council on August 18.
 - Included salary and healthcare increases and not much more.
 - The proposed lodging tax is off the table.
 - Will look at proposing a Public Safety mill levy next spring. We cannot just rely on sales tax to maintain our level of service for the long term.
- There were no issues with the fireworks' show last Saturday (August 1).
 - With recent weather, our fuel conditions were somewhat better, and we were able to move from Stage 2 to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.
 - Douglas County and Pike National Forest have also moved to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.
 - We are right on the edge between Stage 1 and Stage 2 and could potentially move back to Stage 2 at any time.
- Chief Croom was thanked for sending out the medical protocols.
 - Chief Croom spoke briefly about ketamine use.
 - The State is reviewing its use.
 - Very viable solution for some patients.
 - The Denver Metro protocols are online.
- COVID cases seem to have reached a plateau and are now trending downward. The Tri-County Health Department conducted a recent mask assessment and found a 96% compliance rate.
- Chief Croom was asked about the HAAS alert system.
 - HAAS was developed to deliver real-time digital alerts to motorists when responders are on-scene or en-route to a

- call, thus allowing motorists time to slow down or move over.
- During the first month of use, 4,500 drivers were alerted. That number is now over 84,000 notifications.
- Certain auto companies and emergency apparatus builders are now including this technology as part of their navigation packages.
- HAAS is also used by the Colorado State Patrol.
- Does the Police Department use HAAS? Not yet. CRPD responds infrequently to calls on I-25. Might consider it in the future - Chief Cauley.
- How many sets of bunker gear do the firefighters have? Our staff members have two sets of bunker gear - Chief Croom.
 - With two sets of gear, we are able to reduce our cancer risk.
 - Our department has a three-year replacement cycle. After three years, the current gear is placed into reserves, and after six years, it is cycled out.
 - A set of bunker gear (coat and pants) costs \$5,000.
- Does the Fire Department have a Wildland crew? There are brush trucks at each station. We also have a Wildland team that is available for deployments - Chief Croom.
 - The department currently has a Type 3 available for deployment on the state roster.
 - The department receives reimbursement for the cost of any deployed member, backfill and a daily rate for the truck.
 - These deployments allow our firefighters to get valuable Wildland fire experience, which they then bring back to our other members.
- Two new members started our lateral academy last Friday.
 - This is our first lateral academy in 20 years.
 - Both members had prior fire experience. One had just come out of the Aurora Academy.
 - They are expected to come online in early September.
 - We have one more member going to an outside academy in January.

Police Department Report

[PS 2020-021](#) 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.
- The Police Department has an upcoming lateral process.
 - Received 130 applications.
 - Interviews will take place at the end of the month.
 - Will hire by the end of the year.

- Upcoming hiring process for dispatcher in the next couple of weeks.
- Still working with the Legal Department on Senate Bill 217.
 - Very complicated bill.
 - Addresses use of force.
 - Continuing to collaborate our training with Douglas County.
- Our Public Information Officer (PIO) is starting on Monday.
 - Hiring had been put on hold for several months.
 - This is the Police Department's first civilian in this position.
 - Will help with social media and the Fire Department's news releases.
- Call volume is back to normal. Might have some challenges once school is back in session.
- We are implementing an SRO therapy dog at Castle View High to partner with the SRO.
 - This is the first SRO therapy dog in use in Colorado.
 - Will help with police perception and approachability.
 - The department will pick up the dog at the end of the month.
 - The department is receiving the dog free of charge.
- Chief Cauley was asked if the other SROs will be returning - yes.
- Council will vote on the FPPA resolution on September 1.
 - If approved, FPPA will be an option in the first quarter of 2021.
 - Members will be allowed to stay with the current retirement plan or choose FPPA.
 - Having FPPA will be a game changer for the department.
 - It took some work to get FPPA implemented, but it has been worth it. Chief Croom, the Town Manager and Council have all been on board and have offered support throughout the process. Chief Cauley expressed his thanks.
- Morale at the Police Department has been good. The department was recently visited by a pickle ball organization who came by and gave heartfelt thanks and 50 gift cards to the department.
 - The cards will be distributed throughout the year.
 - The community support is much appreciated and makes a huge difference to our department.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

N/A

Adjourn

Mr. Smoker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Keough seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for
September 3, 2020 at the Police Department.