



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
October 5, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

- I. Approval of Minutes**
- II. Station 3 Update**
Presented by Fire Chief Bryan Brice
- III. 2023 Legislative Session**
Presented by Police Chief Chris Cammock
- IV. Skagit County First Responder Foundation**
Presented by Police Chief Chris Cammock
- V. Budget**
Presented by Doug Volesky
- VI. For the good of the order**

Public Safety Meeting

Police Campus

September 7, 2022

Attendees

Council Members Mary Hudson, Mark Hulst, Melissa Beaton, Richard Brocksmith, Iris Carias, Juan Morales, and Gary Molenaar

Staff: Mayor Jill Boudreau, Peter Donovan, Bryan Brice, Chris Cammock, Bryan Harris, Kevin Rogerson, Christine Love Johnson

Invited Speakers: Mario Paredes, Terri Vispo-Cuba, Andrew Gill

Activities

Councilmember Beaton moved to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2022, Public Safety Meeting, motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Minutes adopted as presented.

Consejo Counseling and Referral Service

Mario Paredes and staff provided Council with an overview of the services being provided to Mount Vernon residents from Consejo Counselling services.

Consejo services has been active in Washington since 1978 but identified the City of Mount Vernon as a hub for the north end due to the City's commitment to the issue of homelessness as well as the imbedded social worker program by the Police Department.

Consejo's approach is to provide whole person care and coordinated services. Assessments are conducted within 24 hours of a request for services as part of their commitment to decrease barriers of care. Currently Consejo can offer outpatient mental health services and substance use services. They are not currently able to offer domestic violence services but can provide support from their King County location.

Station 3 Renovation Update – Bryan Brice

Site work began on August 1st at Station 3. Trico began work on landscape removal, relocation of the hydrant, relocate generator, removal of the propane tank and demo of pavement and sidewalk. Next step is the footing on the apparatus bay and realign the trusses.

The city, architects, and construction company have regular, standing meetings each week. The current schedule is set to be completed by mid-March. At this point, no supply chain issues/delays have been experienced.

Integrated Outreach Services – Chris Cammock

The department has made great strides in their Integrated Outreach Services positions. The application period opened in June and interviews were conducted in July. The department is finishing the background phases and is looking at onboarding the new hires by the end of October. Two of the three candidates were interns with the department.

The Health Department is partnering with the Police Department on this program and is picking up the cost of the records management system, Julota.

Staffing Updates – Chris Cammock

The department currently has six vacancies and are experiencing a sparse candidate pool for entry level positions. Mike Moore and Erin Keator have developed some efficiencies which have decreased the hiring time per candidate. Chief Cammock will bring back to Council some discussion on how to make the lateral hiring process more enticing – including incentives.

Command Vehicle – Chris Cammock

In a joint Police/Fire effort, Lt. Mike Moore went to Kalispell Montana to view different command vehicles in the product process. The departments are looking at a 28' 2020 Freightliner, with the vehicle being built around current technology. The estimated base price for the vehicle is \$600,000, but the extras are still being discussed, and the end price is still unknown.

Good of the Order

- Chief Cammock recognized Arne Svendsen with over 20 years and 3500 volunteer hours at a BBQ in August.
- Helping Hands Food Bank has asked council to pass a proclamation. Peter Donovan handed out the proclamation for Council to review before the next meeting.
- Chamber of Commerce has requested an extension on the lease with the city. The current cost is \$2300 / month. Peter will investigate comparable commercial space and bring back the costs to Council for review, and possible step-up increase.
- Eaglemont HOA would like the city to force the owner of the golf course to operate it. Kevin Rogerson recommends further discussion in executive session. The city is doing its due diligence on the subject and will provide feedback when they have something to share.
- Peter Donovan will be bringing two contract renewals to Council from the Skagit County Community Court and Probation services. Both contracts will have increases.
- Councilmember Beaton would like to revisit the code regarding allowing bicycles on the river walk.

Action Items for upcoming meetings

- Nothing moving forward.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5th at 6:00 pm