



**Public Safety Committee Minutes
May 3, 2023**

Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place

Councilmember Hulst called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present

Mayor Boudreau

Councilmembers: Beaton, Brocksmith, Hudson, Hulst, Molenaar, and Morales

Staff Present: Police Chief Cammock, Fire Chief Brice, City Attorney Rogerson, City Clerk Jensen, Special Projects Manager Donovan, Assistant Fire Chief Harris, Development Services Director Groth

Citizens: 7

1. **Approval of April 5, 2023 Minutes**

Councilmember Morales moved to approve the April 5, 2023 committee minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.

2. **Blake Decision Discussion:**

- Mr. Rogerson discussed the current status of the Blake Decision regarding drug possession laws. He provided options that Council could take prior to and after the state legislature makes a decision. There was a discussion about preparing an ordinance and when it would be effective.

Mayor Boudreau spoke about discussions that have taken place with Skagit County Prosecutor, funding for treatment, and ordinances that other cities have adopted.

State Representative Lekanoff was present to speak about collaboration, funding, and established drug treatment

programs that are currently in place in Skagit County. She encouraged Council to contact state representatives to express their support for the drug possession laws.

Additional information and a draft ordinance will be presented at a future committee meeting.

3. Police

- Skagit County Drug Enforcement Unit Update (SCDEU): Chief Cammock spoke about recent high-profile cases and support received from SCDEU. Commander Tobin Meyer provided an update of the SCDEU. The following topics were discussed: The Team, Case Highlights, Current Trends, and Future Challenges. He discussed funding challenges and requested financial support from the city.

4. Fire

- Chief Brice provided an update of the Fire Station 3 Remodel Project. Current items completed include the driveway, exterior brick, and interior work. The Station 2 Remodel timeline was discussed. Impact Bargaining is currently taking place with IAFF regarding living facilities while staff are out of the station during the remodel.

5. CDBG Action Plan Discussion:

- Mr. Donovan discussed the proposed CDBG Action Plan and the timeline for receiving requests and allocating funds. A late request for funding for a day shelter program from Welcome Home Skagit was received. Sarah Vogt, Director of Welcome Home Skagit provided information about the day shelter program. Council discussed funding options and directed Mr. Donovan to bring forth an amended action plan.

6. Miscellaneous/For the good of the order

- none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Becky Jensen
City Clerk