

Minutes approved by Public Safety Advisory Commission on 1/24/2018

1. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Drue Garrison at 7:31 am

Members Present: Jayne Cravens, Drue Garrison, Jeffrey Boivin, Richard Sandstrom, Tom Epler, Glenn VanBlarcom and Anne Niven.

Members Absent: Ryan Duve

Liaisons Non-Voting Representatives Present: Nick Chan, Tim Rippe, Kevin Noreen, and Guy Storms

Others Present: Kara Finn, Michael Kinkade and Janie Schutz

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Self-Introductions were made.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 25th, 2017 MEETING MINUTES.

Moved by Anne Niven, seconded by Glenn VanBlarcom. **Motion carried 7-0**

5. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

6. STAFF REPORTS

Police Department- Chief Schutz completed a 16 hour officer safety seminar with a focus on use of force across the country.

There was a threat to the FG High School via Snap Chat yesterday. The person has been charged. There was a human trafficking operation that took place at Best Western and eight people were arrested. OLCC compliance checks have been completed, with 16-18 businesses on the list, and no one sold to a minor. Code Enforcement is working very hard on a 'zombie house' on Hawthorne. There was a road rage incident that started in Gaston and ended in Forest grove. The female suspect was taken into custody and charged. Currently the department is at minimum staffing with two officers down.

Pedestrian safety was discussed which led to a roundtable discussion regarding what specifically does PSAC want to do and what are they willing to do in regards to pedestrian and vehicle safety. Requesting Rob Foster to attend a future meeting to provide insight to the issue was suggested. The commission discussed studying the problem and making a

recommendation to Council that spells out the identified problems as well as the necessary actions the City can take. Example: education, research, communication with ODOT, etc. The recommendation must have data to substantiate. With that recommendation, Council could choose have a work session on the topic.

The commission agreed to add the Bond 2018 to restructure Police, Traffic Safety, and address the Ace Hardware area to the PSAC strategic plan agenda.

Fire Department – Another strike team was sent from Washington County to California for a conflagration.

The Christmas Toy Drive has begun. This year the department will not be delivering to houses. Toys will be available for pickup on the 20th and 21st. The flood gates have been installed at Susbauer and FernHill and will be removed after flood season to protect from potential theft.

Forest Grove, Cornelius and Gaston are participating in water rescue training the week before Christmas.

The recruit academy graduation occurred, with fourteen firefighters.

City Council- There was a COP forum on homelessness. There were approximately 70-80 people in attendance. It began as a forum and then broke up into table discussions to talk about specific issues and potential solutions. Each table then presented their discussion.

Forest Grove was selected by MGT Pure company which makes pure hydrogen peroxide which will provide jobs to town in the mid to high ranges. A market analysis has been completed on adding another grocery store to town.

There was a presentation on the recent Light and Power electric price increase.

The transit lodging tax was passed which charges a 2.5 percent tax for any patrons visiting hotels in town. One hundred percent of that revenue will be put into tourism.

On Thursday, January 18th, there will be a Boards and Commissions Recognition dinner.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Fire Authority Discussion: Tabled until January

Good of the Order: There was discussion regarding PSAC potentially hiring a consultant for strategic planning and/or research potential donated help.

The annual Town Hall meeting is January 27th and the topic is the Fire Authority.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING** – January 24th, 2018 at Forest Grove Fire Department.
9. **ADJOURN**
Recorded & submitted by Kara Finn, Administrative Assistant