

## **Public Safety Sub-Committee Meeting - Minutes of February 18, 2025**

**Participants:** E. Delgado, C. Barnard, B. Mohan, L. Jimenez, S. Kelleher, E. Gonzalez, V. Leccese, A. Renz, J. Park

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1. **INTRODUCTIONS** – 2:45 PM

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*ACTION: Councilmember Delgado motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 21, 2025. Councilmember Barnard seconded. The minutes were approved.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

None

5. **ADVISORY ITEMS**

5.A. **ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITY REPORT**

Ashleigh Renz, Animal Services Division Manager, provided an update on the shelter's operations and initiatives. The shelter is actively offering a low-income spay/neuter voucher program, funded by a \$125,000 donation. As part of this initiative, Animal Control officers are conducting door-to-door outreach in targeted areas to distribute vouchers and encourage participation.

A discussion took place regarding the management of wild donkeys within the city. Some residents have inquired about the feasibility of adding reflective devices to donkeys for safety; however, concerns were raised as donkeys tend to chew off collars. As an alternative, the city is considering installing solar lighting in key areas to enhance visibility and reduce accidents. The committee also explored the possibility of inviting representatives from Donkey Land to provide a public presentation on the local donkey population and conservation efforts.

There have been no complaints or concerns reported to the city regarding euthanasia policies or activities. The Animal Services Division confirmed that Moreno Valley's shelter has not been involved in recent county discussions on euthanasia practices. Additionally, the Foster Care Program continues to be instrumental in relieving pressure on the shelter by encouraging temporary care for animals in need. The program has received strong community support, and Ms. Renz and her team remain committed to building trust and communication with foster caregivers. Their efforts have ensured that Moreno Valley remains positively recognized in shelter operations, avoiding negative discussions or concerns.

5.B.i. **FIRE SERVICES STATUS REPORT**

Fire Chief Jesse Park provided an overview of the report presented to the committee and staff. He also gave an update on the Palisades Fire, noting that the City of Moreno Valley deployed Engines 26 and 65 to assist in containment efforts. To ensure continued fire coverage within the city, county reserve equipment was utilized.

Additionally, the department plans to present a new squad vehicle to the City Council and introduce the new Truck Captain in an upcoming meeting.

#### 5.B.ii. FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

Fire Marshal Gonzalez provided an update on school fire inspections, stating that they are on track for completion by the end of the week. These inspections are essential to ensuring compliance with fire safety standards and minimizing risks.

Additionally, Fire Marshal Gonzalez outlined upcoming fire prevention efforts, noting that the department is preparing for spring hazard reduction inspections across 15,000 parcels in the city. To support this initiative, a public outreach campaign will be launched to educate property owners on their responsibility to maintain fire-safe properties. Inspections are scheduled to begin on March 24th.

A written report was prepared and distributed to the committee prior to the meeting for review. No questions were raised by the committee.

#### 5.B. iii. OEM REPORT

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) provided an update on emergency preparedness efforts. Seven new volunteer applications have been received for the OEM's Emergency Response Team, which plays a vital role in assisting with various city events, including the Public Safety Expo, the Fourth of July Parade, and other holiday events.

The division continuously recruits new members to replace those retiring from the program. Efforts are underway to attract more participants to ensure the continuity of emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

#### 5.C.i POLICE PERSONNEL STATUS REPORT

A written report was prepared and provided to the committee before the meeting for their review.

The committee commented on the budgeted positions. City Manager Brian Mohan provided an update on staffing levels and strategic planning. The city currently has 174 contracted positions based on the adopted budget. Of these, 69 positions are contracted in hours. With the approved Measure U, the city is reviewing the possibility of increasing police staffing. Based on the national average of one police officer per 1,000 residents, the city's goal is to reach approximately 214 officers to match that standard. The next budget cycle will explore the feasibility of making large staffing gains to move closer to that target.

Additionally, the police department will participate in the upcoming Homeless Ad-Hoc Subcommittee meeting to discuss strategies for homeless outreach and service expansion. This will include updates on the Community Behavioral Assessment Team (CBAT), which plays a crucial role in mental health response efforts.

The department has also seen an increase in individuals accepting homeless services. Reports indicate that service acceptance rates range from 28% to 40%, depending on weather conditions and targeted outreach efforts. The City and Regional partners have increased their efforts to promote these services, including outreach at warming centers, to ensure individuals have access to shelter and resources.

Additionally, the contractual arrangements with RUHS are now in place for three fully assembled CBAT teams to assist those who accept the service.

5.C.ii POLICE UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

An updated police organizational chart was submitted before the meeting. No questions or concerns were raised by the committee.

5.C.iii MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER

A written report for January was submitted for review. The report highlighted key trends. The committee raised no questions or concerns.

6. CITY MANAGER OFFICE COMMENTS

City Manager Brian Mohan announced that the first meeting for the subcommittee for the Homeless Ad-Hoc is to occur tomorrow, February 19, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Barnard confirmed that the following Public Safety Sub-Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2025, at 2:45 pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was called to order at 3:26 pm.