

**Menifee Public Safety Committee
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Regular Session 3:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers
29844 Haun Road
Menifee, CA 92586**

**Matt Liesemeyer, Chair
Lesa Sobek, Committee Member**



REGULAR MEETING (3:00 P.M)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Matt Liesemeyer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were: Committee Chair Matt Liesemeyer, Committee Member Lesa Sobek, Assistant City Manager Jeff Wyman, Committee Secretary Rachel Kleinpeter, Executive Assistant Mandy Stephens, Code Enforcement Manager Lionel Martinez, Community Development Director Cheryl Kitzerow, City Engineer/PW Director Jonathan Smith, Community Services Director Jonathan Nicks, Park Ranger Amanda Ingraham, Fire Captain Scott Philipobar, Police Sergeant Dominic Schrieber, Police Chief Pat Walsh (arrived at 3:05pm).

3. PRESENTATIONS

Assistant City Manager Jeff Wyman informed the committee that Department Directors had a meeting to discuss preparing a phased plan for the City regarding the Coronavirus. He also stated that the City has sent out a press release with frequently asked questions. Committee Member Sobek asked if Council needs a day to day update, Assistant City Manager Wyman said he would check with City Manager Armando Villa with the best way to communicate a consistent message to Council and the community.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

5.1 February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The committee members approved the minutes unanimously (2-0) with no modifications.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Fire Department Monthly Report

Fire Captain Scott Philippbar provided the monthly report and reported on the significant incidents for the month of February. He said that the numbers have been consistent with the monthly average. Fire Captain Philippbar said that he and the department have received proper education for the Coronavirus and the use of gowns and masks if they have been in contact with it.

Fire Captain Philippbar reported that fire truck 76 was involved in a nine hour, confined space rescue in a 275 ft. storm drain in Murrieta. It was a successful rescue with no injuries.

6.2 Office of the Fire Marshal Monthly Report

Fire Captain Philippbar provided the statistics and updates for the month of February as Fire Marshal Sonya Bu was not present.

Fire Captain Philippbar informed the committee that one additional Fire Inspector has been hired to assist two days a week. Committee Member Sobek asked if that person was still assisting this month and Assistant City Manager Wyman said yes.

6.3 Riverside County Sherriff Staff Monthly Staff Report

Police Sergeant Schriber provided the monthly report for February.

Police Sergeant Schriber gave an update on the robbery that occurred at California Coast Credit Union in July 2019 and said the suspect was found deceased on February 20, 2020.

In reference to the report, Police Chief Pat Walsh asked Police Sergeant Schriber if the 100 arrests were in Menifee or Perris. Police Sergeant Schriber replied they were in Menifee.

Committee Member Liesemeyer asked if motors are being assigned to Perris, Police Sergeant Schriber stated that people are being reassigned and that Menifee has three motorcycles assigned to the City.

Police Sergeant Schriber also shared that this would be his last Public Safety meeting as he is retiring.

6.4 Code Enforcement Monthly Staff Report.

Code Enforcement Manager Lionel Martinez provided the Code Enforcement statistics for the month of February.

Code Enforcement Manager Martinez explained how some homeless encampments were cleared out by the property owners, which saved the City \$8,000. He also went on to say that the Park Rangers and SWAG have been doing a great job and they are all working together as a team. Committee Member Sobek asked if the mentioned groups are still having meetings together and Park Ranger Ingraham said they have weekly meetings with multiple contacts. Code Enforcement Manager Martinez said he will begin to have meetings every two weeks with Community Services Supervisor Jason Hendrix.

Code Enforcement Manager Martinez continued to explain that the weed abatement citation process would be starting on June 1 and 4,000 properties will be cited. He said they are working with GIS to create an overlay map. He also told the committee that Code Enforcement staff are completing background applications to move to the Police Department.

Committee Member Liesemeyer asked about the trees by the homeless encampments and Code Enforcement Manager Martinez said the trees were trimmed.

Committee Member Sobek asked when the weed abatement letters are going out and when the work needed to be completed by. Code Enforcement Manager Martinez said they would go out April 1 and the work would need to be completed by June 1.

6.5 Animal Control Monthly Report

No representatives from the Animal Control were present.

6.6 Public Works/Engineering Report

City Engineer/Public Works Director Jonathan Smith provided the statistics for the month of February.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Smith stated that the Department Operations Center (DOC) was active for the recent rain event and was coordinating with the Riverside Sheriff's Office (RSO) and the Fire Department.

Committee Member Liesemeyer asked about the speed survey.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Smith said they would be wrapping up in the next few months and is working with RSO and Menifee Police Captain Gutierrez. Committee Member Liesemeyer also inquired if the speed signs record data. City Engineer/Public Works Director Smith said they do not and he was working to purchase speed radars.

Committee Member Liesemeyer asked about areas that were requiring concrete repairs. City Engineer/Public Works Director Smith stated that the department was working with Community Services to repair cracks at Paloma Wash.

Committee Member Liesemeyer stated that he has been seeing the new streetlights being installed. City Engineer/Public Works Director Smith said they are moving quickly with the installation and that 6,700 lights should be completed by the end of June. Committee Member Sobek said that it was not confirmed, but that a housing development had some bright lights. City Engineer/Public Works Director Smith explained that people should report light issues on the app or report them to Facilities Manager Allen Yun.

6.7 Community Services Monthly Report

Park Ranger Ingraham provided statistics for the month of February.

Park Ranger Ingraham said that SWAG received offers for new housing for recurring homeless people. Committee Member Liesemeyer asked about a specific homeless person. Park Ranger Ingraham said she was not sure who he was referring to.

Committee Member Sobek asked if anything was needed from the Committee or if there was anything they could do to assist Community Services. She mentioned that she had heard about a mentoring program. Community Services Director Jonathan Nicks said they have a year to year contract. He said that retired people can assist and he would check to see if they need volunteers. Committee Member Sobek said that she would prefer to call them mentors, not volunteers. She said there are so many seniors that can help and have skills.

Park Ranger Ingraham informed the Committee about equine therapy, where they have two horses that can help with addiction and trauma.

6.8 School Districts Monthly Report

No representatives from the School Districts were present.

Assistant City Manager Wyman informed the committee that the school districts had been invited but we had not had contact from them.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Committee Member Liesemeyer said if there was anything that the committee could do for staff to let them know.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Liesemeyer adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.



Mandy Stephens, Executive Assistant