

**Menifee Public Safety Committee
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 14, 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 3:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were: Committee Chair Matt Liesemeyer, Committee Member Lesa Sobek, Assistant City Manager Jeff Wyman, Executive Assistant Mandy Stephens, Code Enforcement Officer Andrea Montes, City Engineer/PW Director Jonathan Smith, Community Services Director Jonathan Nicks, Fire Chief Kirk Barnett, Fire Marshal Sonya Bu, Police Captain Dave Gutierrez, Police Lieutenant Denise Keith, Animal Control Officer Monique Middleton.

3. PRESENTATIONS

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Executive Assistant Mandy Stephens read out a public comment from Kris Weidemann in favor of Measure DD and Cal Fire.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

5.1 June 9, 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 Chief Kirk Barnett provided the monthly report and reported the significant incidents for June. He said that due to COVID-19, they have not been participating in promotional events but did take part in the Menifee Police Departments parade for their first day of operations.

Committee Member Sobek asked if it was possible to have a line item to

discuss COVID-19 related events. Fire Chief Barnett said they could only report general numbers and could not report information in terms of location and specific details as it is protected information. He said he would look into gathering information.

6.2 Office of the Fire Marshall Report

Fire Marshal Sonya Bu provided the monthly report and highlighted that from Riverside County Fire, City of Menifee had the highest number of inspections for the year amongst all the contract cities.

6.3 Menifee Police Department Staff Report

Police Captain Dave Gutierrez provided a report of the department's first full month of service. He stated that during July 4th, the department had received 155 calls for fireworks. In the first seven days of operation, there had been 15 arrests made.

Committee Member Sobek thanked Lieutenant Denise Keith for an upcoming Zoom event she would be attending to speak at Lake Menifee Women's Club. Committee Member Liesemeyer commented that he had noticed people have been retraining themselves in terms of driving more carefully and not being on their phones as a result of increased police presence.

6.4 Code Enforcement Monthly Staff Report.

Code Enforcement Officer Andrea Montes attended the meeting in place of Sergeant Raul Perez. She provided the monthly report and stated that Code Enforcement had been doing compliance checks with businesses for COVID-19. They are continuing to issue citations for weed abatement and focusing on the illegal dumping at the Vons shopping center.

6.5 Animal Control Monthly Report

Animal Control Office Monique Middleton provided the monthly report and stated that Animal Friends of the Valley had taken over animal sheltering from July 1, 2020. She said that during this time, animal adoption rates did not drop. The return to owner rate had increased; in 14 days they had returned eight pets to their owners, whereas the previous organization, San Jacinto Animal Shelter would average two pets a month being returned to owners. Committee Member Sobek commented that she would like to visit the facility when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

6.6 Public Works/Engineering Report

City Engineer/Public Works Director Jonathan Smith provided the monthly report and noted that nine traffic signals were under construction and they would be completed by October 2020. He also said that his department was working with

Menifee Police Department to install cameras in strategic places. Committee Member Sobek asked for clarification regarding the cameras. City Engineer/Public Works Director Smith said this was in the development phase and it was to monitor what comes in, and what leaves the City. There would also be cameras where there has been illegal dumping, this would mirror a program similar to the City of Perris.

6.7 Community Services Monthly Report

Community Services Director Jonathan Nicks provided the monthly report. He stated that the Park Rangers, Police Department and Code Enforcement are all on the same radios which has helped with communications and the Park Rangers feel less alone. He also said that Social Workers Action Group (SWAG) have been behind on sending their reports and they will have a meeting to improve communication and work through issues.

6.8 School Districts Monthly Report

No representatives from the School Districts were present.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Committee Member Liesemeyer asked about the signs at the shopping centers regarding towed vehicles, they currently still have information referencing Riverside Sheriff's Department. Assistant City Manager Wyman said the City would reach out to the Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce and ask them to contact the businesses to update the signs.

Police Captain Dave Gutierrez said there would be three new Police Officers starting with the Department in three weeks and they anticipate being fully staffed by the end of September 2020.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Liesemeyer adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.



Mandy Stephens, Executive Assistant