

Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee September 19, 2018

Members Present: Councilor Tylor Elm
Councilor Craig Sutherland

Others Present: Chief Alexander, City Attorney Prell, Shelley Nelson

Councilor Sutherland called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and noted that roll call was taken by sign up.

Approval of minutes: August 15, 2018

Motion by Councilor Sutherland, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to approve the Public Safety meeting minutes from August 15, 2018.

Standing Agenda items:

1. Fire Department Update

No update

2. Police Department Update

Chief Alexander said that it has been business as usual and there aren't any changes since the committee last met.

Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to receive and file the Police Department update.

New Business

1. Decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana, draft ordinance review

This proposed ordinance would allow people found with a small amount of marijuana (25 grams or less) to be charged with a City ordinance instead of a state charge. Both Chief Alexander and City Attorney Prell said this ordinance will allow officers some discretion when arresting a person with only a small amount of marijuana. The option to use the ordinance when appropriate is another tool for officers to use in certain situations. If an officer charges someone with a state charge, the District Attorney's office has the ability to reduce the charge to the ordinance as well.

Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to approve the ordinance, Decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

