



Public Safety/Emergency Management (PSEM)
Minutes
April 8, 2021
4:00-4:50pm via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Chair Bangs, Mahoney, and Martinelli
City Staff Present: City Manager Michael Matthias; Chief Operations Officer Dan Brewer, Police Chief Ken Thomas Mayor Matt Pina, Finance Director Beth Anne Wroe, Deputy Finance Director Jeff Friend; Councilmember JC Harris; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Office Administrator Executive Assistant to Police Chief Kathy Berrens, Councilmember Luisa Bangs; Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hutchins

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - a. Councilmembers Bangs, Mahoney, Martinelli present
2. Consideration of March 4, 2021 PSEM minutes
 - a. Motion made to approve minutes by Councilmember Mahoney, seconded by Martinelli, motion passed
3. Vaccination Status Chief Thomas
 - a. Open vaccinations of adults starting April 15, 2021
 - b. South King County still notes high % of Covid cases
 - c. Potential by Governor to call King County back to Phase 2
4. SWAT Update Chief Thomas
 - a. Our team is 1 of 40 teams in the South King Valley and busiest
 - b. 64 calls for SWAT service in 2020 with 1-2 calls per year in Des Moines
 - c. DMPD has 2 officers assigned to SWAT, trained and practice de-escalation tactics
5. Valley independent Investigative Team Chief Thomas

- a. Detectives from South King jurisdictions and Community representatives review for objectivity on critical incidents
- b. Approximately 8 total critical incidents per year, Des Moines may have 1-2 incidents per year

6. Questions/Concerns

- a. Councilmember Mahoney mentioned his appreciation of the Chiefs Redondo/Marina patrol emphasis update received today
- b. City Manager Matthias commented on the horrendous trial being conducted, that can give us lessons learned.
"It is incumbent on us all to hold ourselves to the highest standard of conduct while not listening to falsehoods and I am proud to say we work with a department that does just that, Des Moines Police Department."
- c. Chief Thomas, "Thank you for that Michael. I did want to give the committee a heads up that the Co-Responder grant went live yesterday with a soft opening using existing staff. Long term staff are being hired now and a press conference will be held in 2 weeks to kick off the program officially. The office will be at the current location in downtown Kent." City Manager Matthias agreed that Luisa should call on the Chief at Council tonight to report out on this issue.

7. Adjourn

- a. Motion made by Councilmember Mahoney and seconded by Councilmember Martinelli, Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.