



Public Safety/Emergency Management (PSEM)
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2024
5:00-5:50pm

Committee Members:

Chair Mayor Buxton, Deputy Mayor Steinmetz, Vice Chair Grace Matsui

Council Present:

Matt Mahoney, and Gene Achziger

Staff Present:

Police Chief Tim Gately

Emergency Management Director Shannon Kirchberg

Acting City Attorney Matt Hutchins

Clerk: Taria Keane

Deputy Clerk: Sara Lee

Administrative Coordinator: Laura Hopp

Executive Administrative Analyst: Rochelle Caton

Director of Community/ Administrative Services: Bonnie Wilkins

Call to Order, Chair Buxton

-Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes
 - Motioned by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz
 - Seconded by Vice Chair Grace Matsui

 - Chief Gately briefed committee on 2021 triple homicide. This case made national news based on defense attorney attempting to introduce video that was altered by AI. Jury returned guilty verdict on all counts. Which will bring closure to victims and a sense of

safety and justice to our community. Thanked the King County Prosecutors, DMPD staff, jury, and all whom supported this case for past three years. A press release will be issued soon.

2. Summer Events:

- Traffic Safety Emphasis: 15 since start of the year. Continue to have these emphasis teams throughout summer- city wide. Social Media posts will start to appear for community awareness /pre warnings. These include: School zone speeds, DUI, street racing. Annual grant reimbursement funds are received to address these safety emphasis.

- 4th of July: Ongoing DMPD planning underway with other city departments to coordinate this event.
Deputy Mayor Steinmetz- inquired about the new firework ordinance.
Chief Gately- DMPD will do pre-emptive social media and press releases along with mailers to residents-to make aware, "friendly reminder." A preventive step. Also featured in City Currents.

- Waterland: Plans well underway. DMPD will participate.
Mayor Buxton: Will DMPD be at the Farmers Market?
Chief Gately: not assigned but DMPD will monitor.

- Chief Gately asked committee to please share- in advance any future items of interest, for future agendas.
Deputy Mayor Steinmetz- Art and wine walk, will DMPD participate?
Chief Gately: No specific plans but there will be DMPD presence.

3. Summer Weather Preparedness: Heat, Smoke, Wildfire-Shannon Kirchberg EM

- Beat the Heat and Extreme Heat information to go out to public.
- CERT will be at the Farmer's market in July.

- Handing out masks to public to sign up for air quality through Air Now app
- CERT class July 10, through August 3, 2024 through (Wednesday's only 6-9pm) Des Moines, Council encouraged to participate. Flyer is out, share with all.
- Hazard mitigation flyer/ QR code in flyer as well as upcoming City Currents.
- Update on pipe break at DMAC, was declared by the President. City will be able to apply for reimbursement.

Deputy Mayor Steinmetz- Can minors attend?
Shannon Kirchberg- if in attendance with adult
Mayor Buxton- "Code Red" alert question.

Motioned to Adjourn by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz
Seconded by Vice Chair Grace Matsui
Adjourn 5:25pm.

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Mayor Buxton- Asked of Committee if they have any agenda items that they would like an update on at the next meeting in July?

Vice Chair Grace Matsui- would like a presentation from SKFR
Chief Gately can reach out and coordinate that.

Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz- appreciates crime statics that the Chief has provided in the past.

Chief Gately- Information will be forthcoming shortly, including call response times. Noted DMPD response time is very positive.

Motioned to Adjourn for the second time.

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