

ARTICLE IVB. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

2.40 Creation and composition.

There is hereby created a public safety commission for the city, consisting of seven adult members, who shall be appointed pursuant to section 2.23 herein. (Ord. No. 2187, § 2, 2009; Ord. No. 2236, § 1, 2012.)

2.41 Ex officio members.

The chief of police of the city and the chief of the fire department of the city (hereinafter police chief and fire chief) shall be ex officio members of the public safety commission. They shall not have the power to vote. (Ord. No. 2187, § 2, 2009.)

2.42 Meetings.

The public safety commission shall hold a maximum of ten regular meetings per calendar year. The commission shall adopt a schedule of meetings each year, consistent with this section. (Ord. No. 2279, § 1, 2014.) Special meetings may be called by the commission as needed.

2.43 Powers and duties generally.

The commission shall provide a forum for community discussion and make recommendations on public safety matters, as well as other related matters, as determined by the commission, chair, city council, city manager, police chief, or fire chief. Specifically, and without limitation, the commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To build upon strong community trust with the police and fire departments by promoting transparency, accountability, and information sharing between the city, commission, city council, and the community.
- (b) To engage with the community by maintaining an ongoing dialogue with community members and community organizations including, but not limited to, neighborhood watch groups, homeowners' associations, the chamber of commerce, school and educational associations, service and religious organizations.
- (c) To review and provide recommendations on police and fire department policies, procedures, practices, training, budget, staffing, organization, and to assist in setting goals for the departments that reflect community values.
- (d) To review and comment on regular updates presented by the police chief and fire chief on the departments' customer service programs, community-oriented programs, trends, statistics, and prevention programs.
- (e) To review and monitor monthly reported data on police use of force, stops, arrests, citations, field interviews, encounters, police logs, and mutual aid requests.
- (f) To review and monitor monthly reported data on fire, medical, rescue, collision and other calls for service, fire logs, and mutual aid requests.

(g) To provide a forum to address concerns, complaints, and commendations regarding the police and fire departments and to receive progress reports on investigations and critical incidents, unless prohibited by law.

(h) To review and provide recommendations on traffic and pedestrian safety, code enforcement under police and fire purview, and traffic enforcement.

(i) To review and provide recommendations on school and community care facility safety, such as the school resource officer, crossing guards, anti-drug, anti-abuse, diversion, emergency preparedness, and outreach programs.

(j) To review and provide recommendations on disaster planning, emergency preparedness, crisis management, and public health emergencies.

(k) To review and comment on annual reports presented by the police chief and fire chief on the departments' best practices, statistics, recruitment, training, diversity, retention, trends, and prevention initiatives. These annual reports will subsequently be presented to the city council with feedback and recommendations from the commission.

(l) To review and comment on homeless statistics, outreach programs and safety issues surrounding homelessness and transients. To aid in this the police chief will present an annual report on homeless issues after the annual homeless count takes place.

(m) To coordinate with other city commissions as necessary to achieve common goals that reflect community values and concerns, including creating and serving on subcommittees involving multiple commissions. Assist the city and its departments with obtaining funding through grants and other programs that benefit public safety.