

**STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**City of Spokane**  
**Public Safety and Community Health**  
**May 2, 2022**

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**Call to Order:** 1:15 p.m.

Recording of the meeting may be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/705537798>

**Attendance**

Committee Members Present: Councilmember Cathcart (Chair), Council President Beggs (Vice Chair), CM Stratton, CM Kinnear, CM Wilkerson, CM Bingle, CM Zappone

Staff/Others Present: Chief Schaeffer, Chief Meidl, Johnnie Perkins, Michael McNabb, Eric Olsen, Justin Lundgren, Eric Finch, Mike Ormsby, Carly Cortright, Matt Folsom, Brian McClatchey, Matt Boston, Tonya Wallace

**Approval of Minutes**

- Action taken  
CP Beggs moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, meeting; the motion was seconded by CM Bingle. The minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

**Agenda Items**

**Interview with Board and Committee**

1. Bicycle Advisory Board Interview with Lauren Pangborn
  - Committee interviewed Lauren on her interest in serving on the advisory board.
  - Action taken  
Discussion only, no action was taken.

**Discussion items**

2. Police Department Update
  - Chief Meidl briefed the Committee on employment trends in the law enforcement industry including the growing number of early retirements which is also affecting staffing numbers in the Spokane Police Department. Chief addressed filling vacancies and hire ahead strategies.
  - Action taken  
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.

3. Fire Department Update
  - Chief Schaeffer briefed the Committee on Wildland Fires, drought predictions and WUI concerns. A mitigation program approach was also discussed. Chief thanked the community for voting in the levy.
  - Action taken  
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
4. Proposed Trent Shelter Site Financing
  - Tonya Wallace and Johnnie Perkins shared a presentation relating to funding for homelessness services and the accounts that the funds – federal, local tax dollars, et) pass through. The presentation included a look ahead at future sources for funding to expand the City's services i.e. the proposed Trent site.
  - Action taken  
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
5. Resolution to Support Negotiating a Purchase and Sale Agreement for a New Municipal Justice Complex
  - Council President Beggs shared a resolution that he and CM Kinnear are bringing forward in an effort to encourage the Administration to pursue negotiations on a municipal justice complex to be located at the former home of Premera on East Sprague. Council President will ask for a suspension of the rules to ask for the resolution to be voted on at Council same day.
  - Action taken  
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
6. Update on Use Agreement with Detention Services for Incarceration Services
  - Johnnie Perkins briefed the Committee on the status of detention services agreement with Spokane County. The City was notified last year that the County was not wanting to renew the City's contract due to costs. In early 2022 a new cost calculation was created and the negotiations are ongoing.
  - Action taken  
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
7. Youth Homeless Demonstration Project
  - Melissa Morrison of Better Health Together along with colleagues presented to Council on the coordinated community plan relating to the youth homelessness demonstration project which BHT is coordinating. Funds are to be spent in the community for the betterment of homeless youth and young adults. BHT will be engaging with a youth advisory board to seek input for the grant dispersion in the community.
  - Action taken  
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.

8. Resolution Honoring SPD Detective Juan Rodriguez
  - Councilman Bingle presented his resolution to honor an SPD detective who was shot during an armed carjacking. Item will come before Council on May 26.
  - Action taken  
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.
9. Proposal for Additional Traffic Enforcement Efforts
  - Councilwoman Kinnear shared her work to increase patrols to combat racing, speeding, aggressive and unattentive driving by using traffic calming funds to fund officers who would focus on education and enforcement in those designated areas
  - Action taken  
Presentation and discussion only, no action was taken.

#### Consent items

- 1) Application for WASPC Grant for Untested Sexual Assault Kits (SPD)
- 2) Application for 2022 OVW ICJR Grant (SPD)
- 3) Application for CJTC Grant for Hiring (SPD)
- 4) Master Site Agreement with Dish Network for Cell Antenna (Asset Management)
- 5) Parcel Acquisition for SIA I-90 Water Main Crossing (Engineering)
- 6) Axon and Dell Contracts for Police Digital Evidence Storage and Records Management (SPD)
- 7) Acceptance of Washington State Financial Fraud/Identity Theft Grant Award (SPD)
- 8) Contract for Fire Department EMS Supervising Physician (SFD)
- 9) Budget Increase for Continuum of Care Project WA 0374 (CHHS)

#### Executive session

None.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:19PM

Prepared by:  
Shae Blackwell

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael", written in a cursive style.

Council Member Michael Cathcart  
PSCHC Committee Chair