



MINUTES
Public Safety Commission
November 8, 2021 City Hall
Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Hollimon.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Commissioners Robert Boyd, Geoff Hollimon, Dan Judd, Stephanie Kitzhaber, Leah Kuipers and Karen Wagner.

Members Absent: Commissioners Amina Ghouse, Ache Wakai, and Jack Winkels.

Also Present: Deputy Director Hamdorf, Director of Community Assets and Development Schlichting, Council Member Graeme Allen and Dave Matteson (Allina Health).

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Judd to approve the November 8, 2021 agenda as presented.
Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kuipers, seconded by Boyd to approve the October 11, 2021 minutes as presented.
Motion carried 6-0.

V. Reports and Updates

A. Allina Health – Dave Matteson

Dave Mattson provided the Commission with an update from Allina Health. He explained Allina would not be moving forward with the predictable deployment program due to an increase in response times. He stated New Brighton had a very high call volume for the month of October and mutual aid was used several times. He reviewed the average response time for emergency calls and non-emergency calls. He discussed the notable calls from October with the Commission. He noted COVID numbers were on the rise. He commented on how Allina was dealing with hospital transfers at this time. He was happy to report that he had 15 new paramedics starting with Allina.

B. Public Safety Update – Deputy Director Hamdorf

Deputy Director Hamdorf reviewed the crime stats for the community for the past month noting thefts continue to be a concern, with the majority being gas drive offs. He discussed the number of traffic stops for the year and noted medicals represent one-third of the departments calls. He encouraged residents to check the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. He noted New Brighton Auto off of Old Highway 8 will market catalytic convertors for residents in the community. He stated a vaccine clinic would be held at the Community Center the next three Wednesdays in New Brighton for children 5 to 11 along with adult boosters. He reported appointments were necessary for the vaccine clinic.

C. City Council Update – Graeme Allen, Councilmember

Councilmember Allen provided the Commission with an update from the City Council. He stated he enjoyed attending the Public Safety Open House and Pumpkin Walk. He reported the City Council would meet next on Tuesday, November 9 and would be discussing utility rates. He explained the City was working its way through the City with the street sweeper at this time. He indicated the City's newest park called Brightside Park was now open. He stated the City hired a new DEI Coordinator and discussed the work this individual would be doing on behalf of the City of New Brighton.

VI. Presentations and Business Items

A. Traffic Safety Requests – Craig Schlichting, Director of Community Assets & Development (DCAD), Dan Olson & Trevor Hamdorf, Deputy Director of Public Safety

Deputy Director Hamdorf and Director Schlichting provided the Commission with a presentation on how traffic safety requests are made to the City. He reviewed the City's policies for regulatory signs. Common safety issues were discussed which included speeding, crosswalk safety, on-street parking, uncontrolled intersections and street light concerns. The process staff follows for signage requests was reviewed in further detail with the Commission. The City's common practices for crosswalks was discussed. He then commented on a crosswalk request that was made for Innsbruck Drive and noted Innsbruck Park was a destination for residents in the neighborhood. He reported staff could add signage to Innsbruck Drive but noted adding a crosswalk and trail would take further consideration. Staff recommended pedestrian ramps, zebra crosswalk striping, signage, and pilot crosswalk flags all be installed in the summer of 2022.

Discussion included:

- Chair Hollimon was interested in having the residential speed limit reduced from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. It was noted the Council was discussing this matter.
- Chair Hollimon agreed the intersection of Innsbruck Drive and Silver Lake Road was a concern.
- Staff discussed how they could speak with Ramsey County regarding traffic concerns along Silver Lake Road.
- Councilmember Allen commented on how bump outs adversely impact bicyclists.

Motion by Kuipers, seconded by Judd to recommend the City Council consider safety improvements and signage on Innsbruck Drive at 27th as suggested by staff. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Kuipers, seconded by Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Hamdorf". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Trevor Hamdorf
Deputy Director of Public Safety