



CITY OF ARTESIA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

LOCATION

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE
(562) 865-6262

DATE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments received prior to the commencement of the meeting will be read at this time. Any public comments that cannot be heard within the next 20 minutes will be heard at the end of the meeting. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the Public Safety Commission is prohibited from taking action on items that are not listed on the agenda, but may refer the matter to staff or to a subsequent meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Minutes – October 12, 2023

NEW BUSINESS

2. Election of Officers of the Public Safety Commission
3. Receive and File a Report by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Regarding Public Safety Activities and Incidents throughout the City of Artesia
4. Overview of CERT Program and Discussion of Upcoming Trainings
5. Discussion of Climate Adaptation Planning Grant Application

STAFF UPDATES

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: January 11, 2024

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of the Minutes

BACKGROUND

The minutes of the Public Safety Commission meeting held on October 12, 2023 has been prepared and is attached to this report for your review. The minutes capture the actions taken during the meeting. The minutes must be approved to ensure an accurate record of the proceedings.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Public Safety Commission approve minutes as presented for the following Public Safety Commission meetings:

- October 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes – October 12, 2023 – Public Safety Commission Meeting



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DATE: January 11, 2024

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Election of Officers of the Public Safety Commission

BACKGROUND

Per the Municipal Code, at the first meeting after the beginning of the terms of offices of its members, the Public Safety Commission is to select its officers, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Chairperson shall not be elected for more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms. The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Commission. The Vice Chairperson shall preside over Commission meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the members of the Public Safety Commission per Municipal Code 2-2.408 nominate and elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: January 11, 2024

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Regarding
Public Safety Activities and Incidents throughout the City of Artesia

BACKGROUND

The City of Artesia contracts with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for public safety services. Sergeant Ramos, of the City's Special Assignment Team, will provide a presentation regarding Public Safety activities and incidents in the City.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission receive and file the report by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) on crime statistics and other related information within the City.



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: January 11, 2024

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Overview of CERT Program and Discussion of Trainings

BACKGROUND

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program was first developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1985, and the first CERT Team completed its training in early 1986. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) now uses the program as the national model for other communities. In June 2003, the Los Angeles County Fire Department implemented its first department-wide CERT Training program.

In 2022, the Los Angeles County Fire Department reorganized the way they conduct CERT training courses. As CERT is a national model, the course has steered away from individual CERT programs for each municipal jurisdiction and instead is offered with a regional approach where CERT certified individuals can be called upon by Los Angeles County Fire for any emergency, in any jurisdiction they serve in the region.

ANALYSIS

In major disasters, traditional fire and rescue resources might be overwhelmed, making immediate response to all those in need challenging. In such situations, it becomes essential for neighbors to assist each other. The CERT program equips residents with the skills needed to provide this crucial support.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department provides a free, FEMA-approved 20-hour CERT training. Conducted by skilled emergency personnel, including firefighters and EMS staff, the program educates residents on local hazards and essential disaster response skills like fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Graduates of the program are equipped to assist in their neighborhoods or workplaces during emergencies when professional responders are not immediately available. Participation in CERT is voluntary, with no obligation for trained individuals to act during a disaster.

The next upcoming regional training is being held in Pico Rivera next month. The City is also working with other local cities to provide additional trainings in calendar year 2024 and will provide updates once those trainings are set.

Upcoming Training Details:

Hybrid CERT Training – Pico Rivera

Dates: February 10 and 17, 2024

Time: February 10 (9 A.M. - 5 P.M.), February 17 (9 A.M. - 1 P.M.)

Location: Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission receive and file this overview of the CERT Program and discuss potential recruitment efforts.

ATTACHMENTS

Hybrid CERT Training – Pico Rivera Flyer



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: January 11, 2024

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion on the Climate Adaptation Planning Grant Program

BACKGROUND

In 2020, the City of Artesia developed its inaugural Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to analyze and mitigate natural hazard risks, which identified climate change, dam inundation, earthquake hazards, and winter storms as key threats to the City. The plan thoroughly evaluates these hazards, detailing their nature and potential effects, and outlines 31 specific actions aimed at safeguarding both new and existing buildings and infrastructure, thereby reducing overall risk and potential losses. The LHMP is required to be updated every five years, part of the review process for an updated plan includes if any of the action items have been addressed in the previous five years.

The City is taking concrete steps towards addressing the identified climate risks. To this end, the City is in the process of preparing a grant application for the Climate Adaptation Planning program from the California Department of Transportation. The purpose of the program is to aid local entities in identifying and assessing vulnerabilities, developing adaptation strategies, and enhancing resilience against climate risks.

ANALYSIS

The City's proposed project for the grant application includes several key components aimed at bolstering Artesia's resilience to climate change and taking action to address hazards identified in the LHMP:

- **Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment:** A detailed analysis of Artesia's susceptibility to climate change impacts, focusing on transportation infrastructure and community vulnerabilities.
- **Climate Action and Adaptation Plans:** The development of comprehensive plans to address identified vulnerabilities, focusing on both mitigation and adaptation strategies.

- **Evacuation Analysis and Strategy Plan:** Analyzing and planning efficient and safe evacuation routes and methods during extreme weather events.
- **Planning for Extreme Weather Events:** Developing plans to address various scenarios, such as flash flooding and heatwaves.

The Commission's insights are crucial for developing a competitive and comprehensive project proposal. Staff is requesting that the Commission discuss and provide direction in the following areas:

- **Community Engagement:**
 - Strategies for effectively engaging underserved communities in project planning and implementation.
 - Recommendations for ensuring that the project addresses the specific safety needs of these communities.
 - A plan for engaging the community in understanding and participating in climate adaptation and evacuation strategies.
- **Collaboration and Partnerships:**
 - Suggestions for fostering collaboration and partnerships with local emergency services, law enforcement, and other relevant organizations.

Staff will incorporate the Commission's input into the City's grant application and will submit the application by the January 18, 2024 deadline. Grant awards are expected to be announced in June 2024. If awarded, the Public Safety Commission will be asked to provide feedback in the development of the items listed above prior to their approval by City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission provide direction on the City's grant application to the Climate Adaptation Planning Program from the California Department of Transportation.