



City of San Juan Bautista

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CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY (AD-HOC) SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

December 20, 2021

MINUTES

(Meeting held via Zoom Internet Video/Audio Conference Service)

1. CALL TO ORDER - Freels, Delgado, Jordan, Medeiros, Ponce, Reynolds
ROLL CALL: Present: Freels, Delgado, Jordan, Medeiros, Ponce, Reynolds, Steve Adams, Keith Boyd, Michael Avramidis, JT Tomlinson, Tyler Jordan
Late:

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead by David Medeiros

3. REVIEW OF NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING (attached)

The committee has no comments on the minutes from the November 12, 2021 meeting.

4. GUEST SPEAKER –

- a. *City Manager Steve Adams was joined by King City Police Chief Keith Boyd and presented to the Committee...*

City Manager Steve Adams lead the presentation stating that in 2016 King City put together a community task force to reduce youth violence. Their city took 25 different measures to implement their plan. They adopted the PIER Model and community outreach programs.

In 2017, the year that they implemented their plan, there were about 27 shootings. The following year, there was only a single shooting in King City. They used a comprehensive approach with a detailed plan. On the first day that the City installed its first camera, a shooting occurred right next to the new camera. Due to the camera, they were able to catch the culprit within 1 week of the incident.

City Manager Steve Adams emphasized that the cameras were implemented in the phases as follows:

Phase 1-

Was to place a camera in downtown, exits, and entrances to the city, and in places with higher crime rates



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Phase 2-

Was to place cameras where there were gaps in coverage. They struggled to expand their coverage of systems since they did not have access to the other side of the freeway.

Phase 3-

With the use of ARPA Funds, they were able to put cameras outside of all of their schools and parks.

Police Chief Boyd- noted that he came into the city after the cameras were implemented. He personally believes that cameras did play a big role in deterring crime rates. He stated that residents are very happy with the cameras. Cameras provide security, deter crime, and provide video evidence that is indisputable in prosecution. He explained how the city has 50 Cameras, and how there are four views per cite (one view it straight down). In addition, the city has 20 license plate reading cameras that are strategically placed in the city. No one is able to enter or leave King City without being on camera. Their process is to track the perpetrators' vehicles through the cameras.

He answered the questions:

1. Who can view the cameras?

Since they have a secured terminal, the police department is the one who is able to see the footage.

2. What is the Problem with Cameras?

Police Chief Boyd stated that the main issue with cameras was implementing them into the city. Once implemented, the issue of maintenance occurred. In order to maximize the range of the cameras, the lines have to be well maintained.

Freels- questioned what range does the average camera has?

Police Chief Boyd- responded 300 feet on some views. The license plate camera can get a good image up to 300 feet. At that distance, they are able to identify the suspects color of clothes, car, but not a person's face. But with their camera placement, they are able to track the person to get a clear image on a different camera.

City Manager Adams- stated that while the police officers review the footage of the camera, they are able to find more clues of the incidents.

Police Chief Boyd-stated that the system they currently have holds 30 days of data. If a crime occurs, the recording is snipped and stored permanently in their system. He noted that the cameras the city use are motion-activated. He expressed his thoughts on cameras with recognition programs. The benefit of the recognition program is faster search results. The con of this system is potentially overlooking evidence.



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Medeiros- questioned if King City has gotten results from the cameras? Have they reached their goal?

Police Chief Boyd- stated that cameras are able to provide more safety to the community. Cameras have made it easier to have community outreach. Residents are more willing to be witnesses due to the cameras and help identify problem areas in the city. Crime has transferred to places where cameras are not located. Cameras have opened doors for the police department. When a crime occurs, it is recorded and uploaded online for the public to view. The city wants residents to know what is occurring.

City Manager Adam- said that before the installation of cameras, no resident was willing to be a witness. Since the installation of cameras, crime has deterred and it has been easier to solve crimes. The city also provided an incentive to residents, those who have their own cameras, and grant permission to the city to view the footage will be granted \$200.

Ponce- questioned how visible cameras are to unsuspecting people?

Police Chief Boyd- noted that the cameras are at the height of a basketball pole. The city does not have a sign identifying the location of the cameras. He stated that the average citizen won't notice a camera.

Delgado- wondered if the City of King City, made businesses pay for the cameras in their section? She also questioned if San Juan Bautista would need to publicize their cameras?

Manager Adam- stated that the city made sure to spread the knowledge of the new cameras.

Police Chief Boyd- stated that King City places signs in their entries informing about the cameras. The purpose is to show transparency with the people entering the city.

Jordan- questioned what company King City was in contract with?

Police Chief Boyd- SurveillanceGRID

King City Guest Speakers ended at 4:39 pm

- b. Level 1's JT Tomlinson was joined by Tyler Jordan and Michael Avramidis presenting to the Committee...*

JT Tomlinson- lead the presentation, he spoke on how Level 1 has been working with the City of San Juan Bautista for the past 5 years. He noted that Level 1's main job to the city is to deter burglaries and observe and report to the police department. Level 1 patrol from the Windmill, all of Third Street, and the residential areas. He expressed how overwhelming it can be for one security officer to patrol all of the city by themselves. Level 1 will be implementing new equipment: A body camera and car safety light. Currently, the city has one security officer Monday – Sunday 7 pm to 4 am.



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Tyler Jordan- spoke on not having the administrative ability to cite non-moving vehicles, unless the council gave Level 1 permission. He stated that currently, Level 1's main purpose is to observe and report. He has observed multiple parking violations during the night. He has witnessed: people speeding on Third Street, drivers running stop signs, juveniles being at the park around 11 pm-2 am.

Ponce- was shocked at Level 1's Report for November, and wondered what was occurring in Rancho Way and Franklin Circle. She questioned if there was a curfew for juveniles in town?

JT Tomlinson- believes that there is a curfew at 10 pm and would need the council's permission to give out citations.

Ponce- believed that Level 1's presence is good for the city.

Delgado- appreciated the detail in the November report. She wondered if the city could have a 10 pm curfew on school days and 11 pm on the weekends?

Reynolds- stated that while it is possible to enforce the citations there currently is not a way to process them. In the previous weeks, the citations were not being paid. Parking tickets need registration to be paid.

Delgado- wondered if the city could administrate tickets through the water bill or on property taxes?

Freels- stated that starting January the dedicated deputy would be able to give citations. He also emphasized being lenient on vehicle owners, since there will be a lot of home development, thus resulting in more parking issues.

JT Tomlinson- questioned what a dedicated deputy was and how many hours would they provide?

Reynolds- stated that a dedicated deputy works four 10-hour shifts.

Freels- noted that the dedicated deputies' hours will change if there are events in the city. If a resident were to call 911, regarding any issue in San Juan Bautista, the deputy will resolve the problem.

Jordan- stated that the city still needs coverage for the rest of the time. Level 1 will still provide their services. She stated her appreciation for their reports and services. She then questioned if the City of Hollister has grid surveillance as well?

Reynolds- noted that the biggest concern with cameras is that it's expected to cost around \$700,000-\$1,000,000. The cameras need to be historically accurate and the city needs to start this project in stages.

Jordan- appreciated having the same camera system as Hollister. She noted that It will be convenient to keep track of people coming in and out of highway 156.



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JT Tomlinson- spoke on wanting to maintain a good relationship with the city. He sent Don the new amendments, submitted an updated contract for renewal. He spoke about their insurance increasing their rate.

Medeiros- questioned if there are future plans for neighborhood meetings? Believes that it would be nice to get a community together.

JT Tomlinson- stated that the police department chiefs typically do coffee with the community. Level 1 has no issue doing this if approved by the city council.

Delgado- stated the issue of the bathrooms not being locked at night.

JT Tomlinson- informed the members that the magnet in that bathroom does not work, making it impossible to lock. The soccer field restrooms are also kept unlocked.

Jordan- requested to have weekly reports to make use of the information at an appropriate time.

Tyler Jordan- stated that Level 1 would be able to do this once they speak to Don and Rich about a new system.

Guest Speakers Ended at 5:17 pm

5. UNLEASHED DOGS (attached)

The committee spoke about the presence of unleashed dogs in the soccer field.

Reynolds- stated that the council has full approval of the superintendent to post signs on the soccer field.

Jordan- questioned if it was possible to ban dogs from the soccer field?

Ponce- mentioned the dog sign on Abbey Park, and questioned needing more signs. She does not like how dog owners do not pick up after their animals. Is concerned for kids playing near dogs' excrement. She then mentioned the idea of a dog park.

Freels- spoke on there not being any location where dogs can be unleashed.

Ponce- mentioned City Code "5-7-200 Running at large Prohibited"

Delgado- questioned the difference between city code and ordinance?

Freels- wanted clarification for the meaning of "at large"

Jordan- stated that code enforcement should be enforcing code 5-7-200. Questioned if California consulting could get more grants on a park?



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Reynolds- stated that there already doing that. Currently need to hire an architect.

6. PG&E- NOVEMBER 16, 2021 CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION (attached)

Reynolds- spoke about the presentation PG&E gave. PG&E informed the town of the importance to clean the power poles, especially due to the lack of rain. He informed the committee that the presentation was available online. He then stated that the ultimate goal is to have the powerlines underground. For questions or concerns, the point of contact for PG&E is Jenna.

Freels- stated that the underground campaign is a big project for areas with high fire and severity zones.

7. DEDICATED CITY DEPUTY STATUS (attached)

Ponce- questioned if Sheriff Taylor was recruiting and training someone for San Juan Bautista?

Freels- stated that he had sent Don a message regarding a frequent deputy coming into town. People believe he was the assigned dedicated deputy, but it was later discovered that the deputy had issues with some locals.

8. PATH OF TRAVEL

Ponce- spoke on some town members having trouble with feral cats in Sixth Street

Jordan- thought on inviting the police department to speak about their animal control. She also wondered if it would be possible to speak with Hollister?

Freels- questioned the health care for seniors. He wants to push the county to bring another paramedic into the city. He believes it won't be possible to introduce a senior center with the current resources.

Reynolds- mentioned the city's need for clear sidewalks and pathways. He mentioned the launching of the Active Transportation Plan.

9. JANUARY 24, 2022 MEETING-FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Nuisance properties
- b. Animal control

Motion to Adjourn at 5:49 pm