

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

February 14, 2012  
11:30 AM  
Council Chambers hosted by FECC

PSC Members:	Peter Stern (Seat C - 2013)	Buzzy Chiu (Seat D - 2014)
	Frank Eagle (Seat E - 2012)	Robert Hall (FPD Representative)
	John Eberhart (Seat A - 2014)	Greg Taylor (FFD Representative)
	Bill Satterberg (Seat B - 2012)	

## Meeting Minutes

CALLED TO ORDER: 11:40 am

ATTENDANCE:

PSC Members: Peter Stern, Frank Eagle, Buzzy Chiu, Robert Hall and Greg Taylor

PSC Members Absent: John Eberhart, Bill Satterberg

Others in attendance: Mayor Jerry Cleworth, Stephanie Johnson and Kristi Merideth–FECC, Dave Burglin–CAO, Chief Laren Zager and Lt. Eric Jewkes–FPD; Asst Chief Ernie Misewicz and Lisa Howard–FFD.

ADOPT AGENDA: Agenda adopted as published.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting were approved without changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Possible Code Changes to Infractions Lt. Eric Jewkes reviewed a draft ordinance created by the City Attorney's office in conjunction with FPD. The ordinance is intended to a) remove redundant codes already covered under State statute, b) revert some crimes back to violations under State statute that currently are misdemeanors under City code, c) repeal outdated and unenforceable codes, and d) create progressive penalties (citation for first offense, misdemeanor for repeat offenses) for a variety of offenses, giving officers more options. The draft was favorably received, with discussion resulting in support of the changes. The only recommendation offered was to consider adding changing hours restricting certain noisy activities to 10pm to 7am rather than the current 11pm – 7am under the *Disturbing the Peace* section of the ordinance. A motion by Eagle/seconded by Chiu in support of the proposed changes to City Code, passed unanimously. Lt. Jewkes reported that work continues on an ordinance dealing with false 911 calls, to include calling 911 for non-emergencies and for repeat offenders of alarm system activations.

Role of the Public Safety Commission The motion that was made by Bill Satterberg, seconded by Frank Eagle to sunset the City of Fairbanks Public Safety Commission and was tabled at the November 2011 meeting, pending feedback from the Mayor and City Council with regards to their vision of the commission, remains tabled. A worksession is scheduled with City Council at 5:30p on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the role of the PSC. The presentation to the council to be a topic at the March 13<sup>th</sup> PSC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

FECC Report – Director Stephanie Johnson reported that FECC has a new prospective dispatcher candidate currently undergoing a background check. The last candidate elected not to take the job after being advised of the pay scale and the employee portion of health insurance premiums, which would have resulted in a pay cut from her current job.

FPD Report – Chief Laren Zager reported that FPD is up to staff numerically, having hired several new recruits, but it will be a while before the department is operating at full staff, as the recruits have months of training to undergo. The department's primary traffic officer responsible for a considerable portion of the department's traffic citations is still out on light duty, so the decrease in traffic citations continues. Officer Robert Hall distributed the FPD stats. The elevated number of Motor Vehicle Thefts in December was questioned, and he said he would look into that and report at the next meeting. A short discussion was held regarding how the number of officers are assigned to a call and the protocol in place that establish a minimum number of officers for various types of calls.

FFD Report – Asst Chief Ernie Misewicz reported that FFD along with many other city departments, are currently involved with various Continuity of Operations (COOP) exercises, simulating having to operate from an alternate location. There have also been various simulated responses like hazmat exercises, mass casualty exercise. A summary report and lessons learned should be available at the next meeting. FFD statistics were distributed and briefly reviewed.

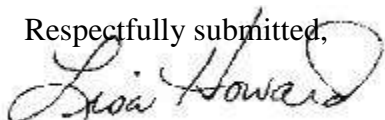
CLOSING COMMENTS:

Welcome home from Baghdad offered to Robert Hall.

NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2012 – Fairbanks Police Department

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:32PM

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Howard, FFD