

AGENDA



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alan Hart • James Hairston • Ken Witkoe
Mark Peila • Ray Dotson • Mark Terry • Tod Wolf
Karen Ferreira • Teresa Imholt King • Martin Pullman
Council Member Michael Brandstetter, Committee Liaison
Police Chief Mike Zaro, Committee Staff Support

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 5:15 p.m
9401 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

Residents can virtually attend the meeting by watching it live on the city's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityoflakewoodwa>

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. Speaker- Public Works Operations Superintendent Scott Williams and Assistant to the City Manager Michael Vargas- City-Wide Citizen Garbage Clean Up Program
6. City Council Liaison Comments
7. Fire Department Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Youth Council Comments (Youth Council is out for the Summer)
10. Unfinished Business
 - City Council Business Safety Survey
 - Joint Meeting with City Council- finalize report (August 8th)
11. New Business
 - Preview of Next Meeting (September 7th)
12. Reports from Board Members & Staff
 - Community Outreach Reports & Open Discussion on Public Safety
 - Pending Policy / Ordinance Changes
13. Adjournment

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Zoom and In Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Alan Hart, Ray Dotson, Mark Peila, James Hairston, Tod Wolf, Mark Terry, Karen Ferreira, Ken Witkoe and Teresa Imholt King

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Michael Brandstetter

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Josephine Kaiser

Staff Present: Assistant Chief John Unfred and Committee Staff Support, Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Peila motioned to approve the minutes. All ayes; minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

SPEAKER: Public Works Director Scott Williams

Director Williams was not in attendance due to illness.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter gave an update on the Body Worn Camera's for the police department and the Public Disclosure Request (PDR) side of the process. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter gave an update on the road/paving projects. Assistant Chief John Unfred asked Joanna LaVergne to share the YouTube video regarding roundabouts on social media, again.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams discussed their open house happening on Saturday the 4th, their upcoming Youth Academy, Safe Sitter Class, and discussed their call volume, adding that about 78-80% of their call volume comes from Lakewood.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams shared information about the PulsePoint AED app; Joanna LaVergne will try to get that up on social media soon, as well.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Chief John Unfred explained that he would be out of the office/state for the next 6 months (starting August 1st) for an FBI Internship in Washington D.C., and gave an update on the Body Worn Camera Pilot Program. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief John Unfred stated that Michael Vargas, with the City would be conducting a business survey in the next few weeks, and we were going to ask him to come present the results to PSAC once he's presented them to City Council, so there was some question over whether PSAC needed to do a survey as well. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Council member Josephine Kaiser gave an update on the Youth Council Summit, stating it was a huge success. Ms. Kaiser asked about the training lockdown at Harrison Prep and Four Heroes Elementary. Discussion ensued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Alan Hart discussed the sign- up sheet for the SummerFest Dunk Tank, asked about pricing for the throwing balls, along with table, chairs, cash box, flyers, etc. Discussion ensued.

Fireworks Education was discussed. Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams stated that the City and WPFR met and it was agreed that the City would be sending out a mailer reminding everyone about the new Municipal Code. Joanna LaVergne will be posting the “rack card” which WPFR created on the Department’s Facebook and Twitter accounts, and email the electronic version to PSAC members. Discussion ensued.

The PSAC members discussed the City Council Business Survey. Tod Wolf gave a sub-committee update; he presented the idea of a survey at a Chamber of Commerce event and the responses he received there included mainly homelessness, panhandling, crime and trash. Chair Alan Hart stated he will coordinate with the subcommittee and Councilmember Brandstetter regarding next steps.

Chair Alan Hart asked if anyone had anything to add regarding Park Safety. There were no suggestions or concerns, so that issue is now closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Alan Hart reminded everyone that their Joint Council Meeting session is on August 8th. The members will finalize their report at next month’s meeting on August 3rd.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Members discussed their Neighborhood Associations, as applicable.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Peila motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:

Alan Hart, Chair

Joanna LaVergne, Secretary



TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Mike Zaro, Police Chief

THROUGH: John Caulfield, City Manager

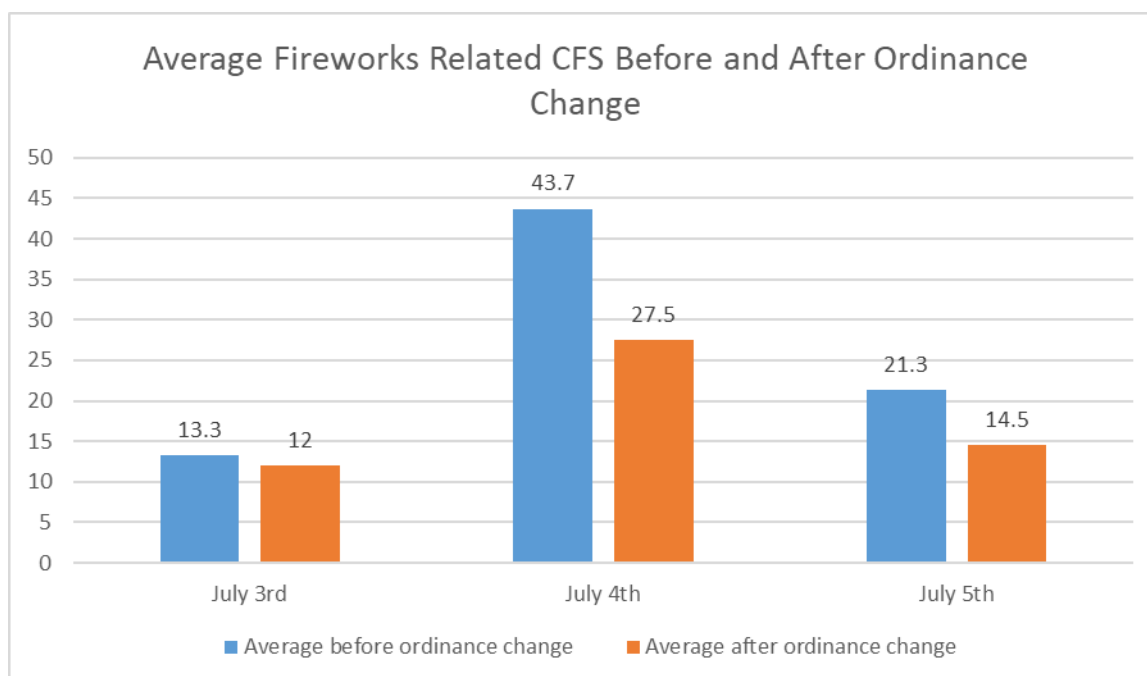
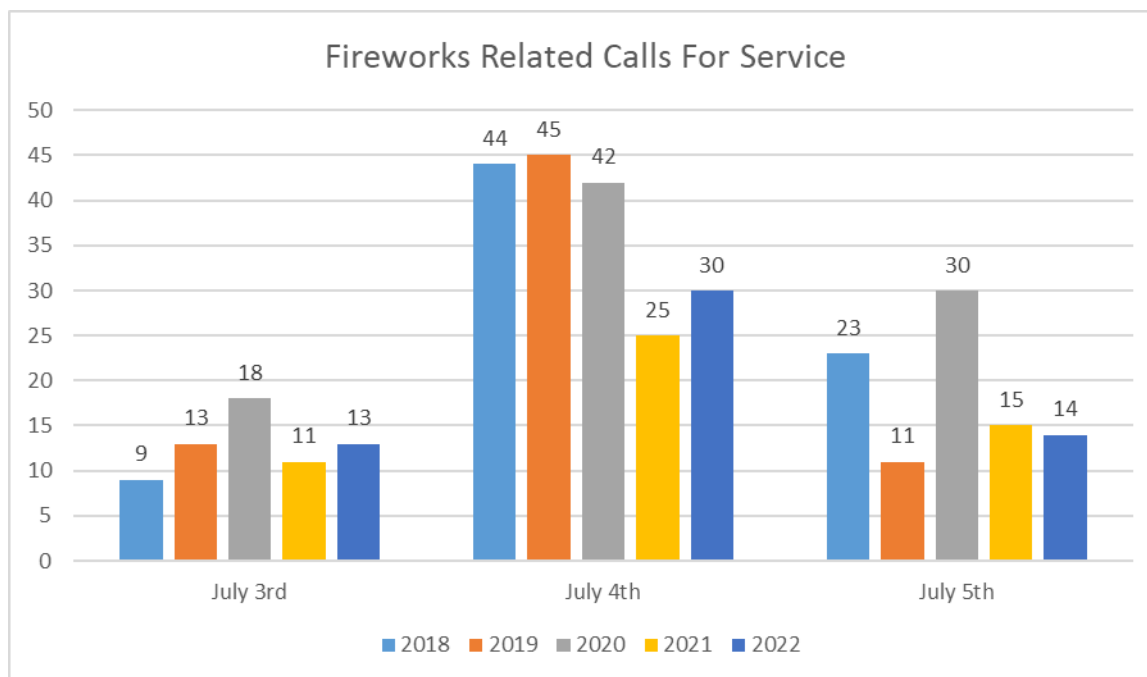
DATE: Monday, July 25, 2022

SUBJECT: Fireworks Ordinance Evaluation

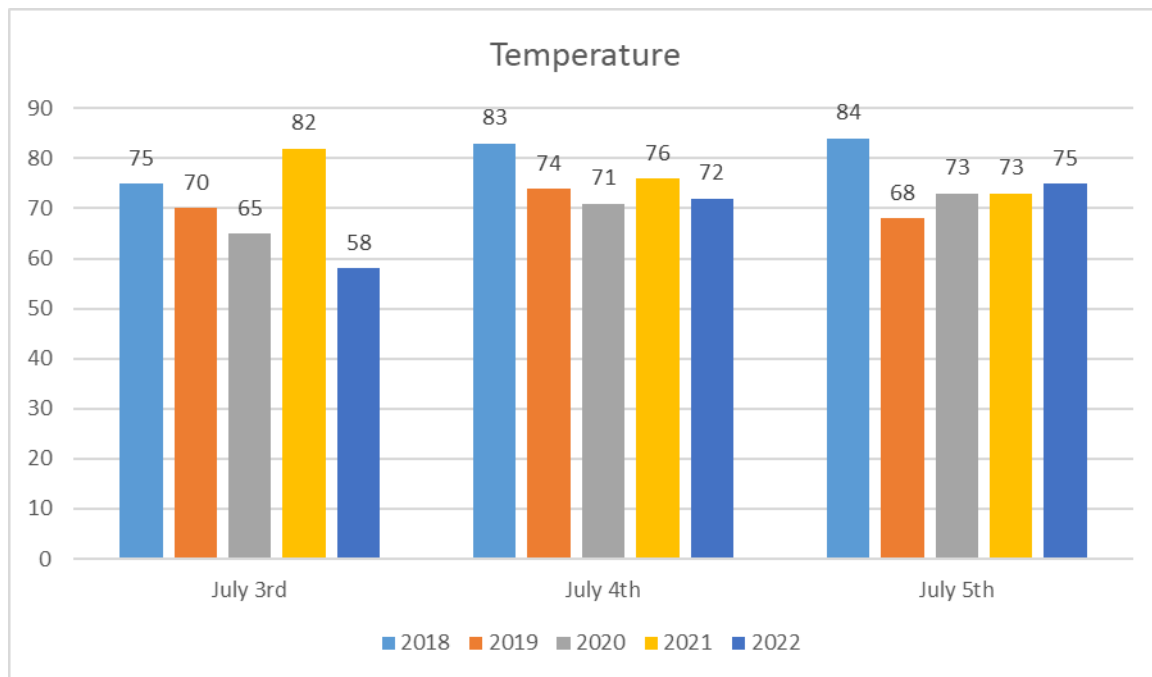
In 2021 the Lakewood City Council amended the fireworks ordinance to only allow fireworks on July 4th and New Year's Eve. The purpose of this memo is to evaluate the impact the amended ordinance had on the discharge of fireworks in the City of Lakewood.

There was public messaging about the new ordinance at the time it was passed and in the weeks leading up to July 4th in both 2021 and 2022. In 2022, the messaging took the form of social media posts, citywide mailers, and in person education by personnel from the Lakewood Police Department and West Pierce Fire and Rescue.

We are limited in our ability to truly quantify the effect the ordinance change had on the discharge of fireworks in the city. It was clear that people still discharged fireworks on July 3rd and 5th, but the question is whether there were fewer fireworks than in years prior to the ordinance change. One comparator is the number of fireworks related calls for service received by the police department. The charts below show the calls for service for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th for each of the last five years and also the average calls for service before and after the ordinance change. As you can see, there has been a decrease in calls for service on each of the three days since the ordinance was changed. Interestingly, the greatest reduction (37%) was on the 4th of July, the date when fireworks are actually allowed. One possible explanation is that people were more tolerant of fireworks on the 4th knowing that a restriction was in place on the 3rd and 5th. Whatever the case may be, we saw a reduction each day.



Also included in this memo is historical data about the weather conditions for those three dates each of the last five years. As you can see, July 3rd of 2021 and July 4th and 5th of 2018 were abnormally warm, but the rest of the days were consistently in the mid to lower 70s for a high. Not included in the graph are the precipitation amounts for those dates. My research showed precipitation on only two days in that five year period, July 3rd and 5th of this year. On the 3rd the precipitation was before 3:00 PM and on the 5th it was between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM. That certainly *could* have been a factor on the 5th, but likely not the 3rd and the amount of precipitation was negligible on both days.



More years of public education and data gathering by both the Lakewood Police Department and West Pierce Fire and Rescue is needed to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of the ordinance, but initial indications are that there was a reduction in the discharge of fireworks.

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

2022 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Members:

Chair Alan Hart
James Hairston
Mark Peila
Ken Witkoe
Mark Terry

Vice Chair Terese King
Ray Dotson
Tod Wolf
Karen Ferreira

Council Liaison:

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter

City Staff Support:

Police Chief Michael Zaro
Administrative Assistant Joanna LaVergne

Meeting Schedule:

1st Wednesday of every other month, 5:15 p.m., Lakewood Police Station
or Virtual (Covid mandates dependent)

2022 Work Plan:

1.	Recruitment- Minority focused
2.	Railroad/Clover Creek Crossing Updates
3.	Municipal Courts Role in Public Safety
4.	City Parks- design for public safety
5.	Red light and School speed cameras
6.	Trash Issue throughout City
7.	Public Safety Promotion (Social Media presence)
8.	Adult/Group Family Homes/Western State Plans

Date	Topic(s)
2/2	City Parks- ask a Parks Rep to speak and SummerFest Planning
4/6	Red Light/School Speed Cameras- Speaker?
6/1	Trash Issue-Public Works Speaker
8/3	City Communications Manager re: Public Safety Promotion
10/5	Adult/Group Family Homes/Western State Plans – Speaker And 2023 Work Plan
12/7	Municipal Courts- Someone from Courts and Finalize 2023 Work Plan

Special Events:

Date	Event
August 8th	City Council/PSAC Joint Study Session
July 23rd	SummerFest
November 30th?	Fallen Officer Food and Blood Drive

PSAC 2022

WORK PLAN AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Mark Terry
Mark Peila
Martin Pullman

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Accomplishments:

Date	Topic(s)
Feb	Railroad/Clover Creek Crossing Updates
April	City parks safety, future changes to enhance safety
June	School zone cameras, red light cameras
June	Fireworks education review
	Recruitment a continuing effort
	Business public safety survey being organized

(Current Year) Work Plan:

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		<u>Primary</u>	<u>Backup</u>
Tillicum/Woodbrook Tillicum American Lake Gardens Community Center 14916 Washington Ave SW 6:30 p.m. 1st Thursday of the Month	In hibernation	James	Mark P
Lake City West Pierce Fire Station 22 8517 Washington Blvd. 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday of the Month	Active		
Lakeview West Pierce Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW 7 p.m. 4th Thursday of the Month	In hibernation	No rep needed	
Springbrook/Pacific Centerforce 5204 Solberg Dr SW 6 p.m. 3rd Thursday of the month	In hibernation	No rep needed	
North Lakewood Elks Lodge 6313 75th St W, Lakewood 7 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday, every other month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)	Active	Mark P	Ken
Northeast West Pierce Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW 7 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the Month	In hibernation	No rep needed	
Springbrook Connections 5202 Solberg Dr SW 2 p.m. 2nd Thursday of the month	Active	Alan	
The following is a link to the City's website listing the existing neighborhood associations https://cityoflakewood.us/neighborhood-associations/			

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