

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 25, 2022
9:32 A.M. – 10:29 A.M.
REMOTE ONLY

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COUNCIL PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN (CHAIR), MAYOR RYDER,
COUNCILMEMBER KUNKEL (LOGGED ON AT 9:37 A.M.)

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, ROBERT ALMADA, SCOTT EGGER, ROBERT HOLLIS,
DAVE SCHNEIDER, SCOTT DEVLIN, RUSSELL GREER, JAMIE OAKLAND,
ELISSA FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED BY MAYOR RYDER AND
COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN

ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIR

PRESENTERS: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ACTION: ELECT COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN AS CHAIR OF THE GENERAL
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MOTION: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR RYDER AND COUNCILMEMBER
GREENSTEIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Ryder nominated Councilmember Greenstein as Chair of the General Government and Public Safety Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

STAFF: ROBERT ALMADA, CHIEF OF POLICE
ROBERT HOLLIS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Chief Almada introduced Deputy Chief Robert Hollis to Committee members.

The Deputy Chief began his duties with the Lacey Police Department on December 8, 2021. He comes to Lacey with over 20 years of law-enforcement experience, most recently with the Kent Police Department, where he served as a commander in charge of race, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

LACEY POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 CRIME RECAP AND 2021 CRIME STAT PREVIEW

STAFF: ROBERT ALMADA, CHIEF OF POLICE

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Chief Almada presented the 2020 Crime Recap and previewed the preliminary 2021 Crime Statistics.

The presentation included the following highlights:

- 2020 & 2021 Lacey Police Department Activity
- 2020 Crime Rate Data
- Preliminary 2021 Crime Data & Crime Trends
- Pandemic and Legislative Impacts

The Chief of Police highlighted how Lacey Police Department is committed to de-escalation tactics and using the least amount of force necessary. It was noted that Lacey Officers responded to 38,364 incidents in 2021, and use of force was only used on 38 occasions. This results in the Lacey Police Department using force in approximately 3% of all arrests in 2021.

Staff expressed a need for endorsement of HB 2037, a bill modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers.

TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

STAFF: RUSSELL GREER, SENIOR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff presented an overview of the Public Works Parks Maintenance Tree Program. The Parks Department maintains 416 acres of urban forest on developed and undeveloped park property.

Responsibilities include:

- Lacey Parks (Urban Forest)
- Lacey Owned Property and Facilities
- Right of Way Trees on select Arterials

Staff presented an overview the following areas of tree maintenance:

- Hazard Identification
- Planting & Replacements
- Pruning
- Infrastructure Damage Remediation

Next steps for the Tree Maintenance Program include the following:

- Five (5) additional crewmembers obtaining ISA Arborists certification.
- Ongoing capital improvement projects to replace damaged sidewalks.
- Planting a wider variety of forest trees to support climate change and pest resistant.