

CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 19, 2023

5:30 p.m.

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico, 87401.

Members Present: Patricia Simpson Chairman; Michelle Meyering; Terry Hayes; Traci Neff

Members Absent: David Bratcher; Matt Clugston; Gloria Tso

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patricia Simpson at 5:31 p.m., and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Michelle Meyering moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Terry Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve Hebbe gave the Chief's report. He talked about the Governor's executive order declaring a public health emergency due to gun violence. He is communicating with the Congresswoman and Attorney General on legal ways to come up with solutions and make a difference.

Chief Hebbe discussed FPD's staffing numbers, the FTO program, and some of their efforts regarding street racing.

IV. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Lt. Smith gave a couple of updates on the Internal Affairs division regarding staffing changes and trainings. Sgt. Spruell gave an overview of the Internal Affairs (IA) reports and Sgt. Sitton gave an overview of the Use-of-Force reports. Below are some numbers compared to the prior year.

	July 2022	July 2023
Citizen Complaints	2	0
Internal Affairs Investigations	2	5
Inquiries/Corrective/Disciplinary Action	5	6
Use-of-Force Incidents	11	11

	August 2022	August 2023
Citizen Complaints	3	0
Internal Affairs Investigations	0	1
Inquiries/Corrective/Disciplinary Action	1	6
Use-of-Force Incidents	6	9

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. STAFF – None.

b. MEMBERS – None.

c. CITIZEN INPUT – Justin Chee expressed his thoughts regarding his first amendment rights and complaints against the City and FPD.

VI. CASE REVIEW (Closed Meeting)

Traci Neff made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Michelle Meyering, for the Internal Affairs case review. Motion carried unanimously.

Following completion of the closed meeting, during which the matters discussed were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure, a motion was made by Michelle Meyering to open the meeting for further business. Terry Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. CASE DETERMINATION

Michelle Meyering made a motion to uphold the findings of the Internal Affairs investigation in Case #2023-017, seconded by Traci Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.


Patricia Simpson, Chairman


Kay Rose, Liaison