

Police Commission Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2024
At Glendale City Hall, Council Chambers and by Zoom

Present:

Paul Kranz, Chair

Tomika Vukovich, Vice Chair

Eric Zentner, Secretary

Nicole Ford

Chief Mark Ferguson, Glendale Police Department

Bryan Kennedy, Mayor, City of Glendale

Absent:

Maria Rosek

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Tomika moved Eric 2nded. Chief Ferguson found that MVT didn't actually go down a lot b/c of enterprise rent-a-car thefts get reported as a lease violation rather than a theft. Now that has been corrected. Down by approximately 35 cases. Minutes were approved with this correction.

Chief Ferguson reported That Jenna Kunath has entered the FTO training program. Manual Medrano was hired and started recruit school on January 8th. We have two officers on medical leave (light-duty desk work) for ACL injuries. He's working on the annual review; as soon as it's done, he'll email it to the commission. Calls for service were, about 900, slightly down from last year, but cases (where a report is written) were up. Arrests were up about 500 over last year, with 585 felonies. Citations down a couple hundred from last year. Motor Vehicle thefts went down by about 35 cases. Recovered 134 firearms in 2023, as opposed to 110 in 2022.

In October we received a complaint from a "chronic complainer" who filed a formal complaint about people parking (legally) near his house. The chief reported that he has talked to Paul about it, and Paul decided the complaint was without merit. Tomika questioned whether just the president can make this decision or if the whole commission should decide. After the chief explained how the complainant did not meet the requirements for appealing the initial decision, Tomika agreed that it was okay in this case. She then suggested that the language for complaint appeals should be made more specific.

New commissioner, Nicole Ford, introduced herself. She has a background in law enforcement as a parole/probation officer. The other commissioners introduced themselves to Nicole.

Eric moved that we go into closed session. Tomika seconded. Motion passed unanimously. We then moved into closed session to hear Mayor Kennedy's annual review of the chief.

Tomika moved that we return to open session. Eric seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21st, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Tomika moved that we adjourn and Paul seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Zentner
Secretary
