

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 15, 2024

PREPARED BY: Chris Escobedo, Assistant City Manager

REQUEST: RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2024 WORK PLAN FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the 2024 Annual Work Plan for the Public Safety Committee.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

At its December 12, 2023, meeting, the Public Safety Committee (PSC) discussed priorities and came to consensus on its 2024 workplan. On January 9, 2024, the PSC voted unanimously to approve the workplan and created sub-committees to assist staff and public safety partners on reviewing and working on the three priority areas.

Work Plan

- Traffic Safety – Review traffic enforcement programs, receiving updates, and providing input on traffic calming for related traffic Capital Improvement Projects.

PSC Sub-committee members: Stephen Nelson, Frank Taylor and Kevin Wahlstrom.

- Public Safety Budget – Review the police and fire budget, including a review of fire and police calls for service, staffing levels, and response times. Provide recommendations for the PSC and Council's consideration. Also, to include monthly updates on the City's Automated License Plate Recognition Program.

PSC Sub-committee members: Terry Kramer, Douglas Luhning and Frank Taylor

- Community-Oriented Policing – Receive updates on crime prevention programs, understand the current programs in place, and discuss the need for public service announcements.

PSC Sub-committee members: Jeff Alley, Joseph Butts, and Kevin Wahlstrom

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

While none of these have a direct cost outside of staff time, should recommendations from the PSC advance to City Council, staff will provide a financial impact analysis.