

**CITY OF STANWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

April 22, 2021

LOCATION:

The Public Safety Committee meeting was held via ZOOM meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

- City Councilmember – Dianne White
- City Councilmember – Steve Shepro
- City Councilmember – Darren Robb
- Stanwood Police – Chief Rob Martin
- North County Regional Fire – Chief John Cermak
- City Administrator – Jennifer Ferguson
- City Attorney – Brett Vinson
- City Clerk- Sara Robinson

AGENDA:

1. Legislative Update
2. Title 9 discussion

CALLED TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

DISCUSSION:

- Chief Martin provided an update on key police reform bills. He discussed amendments made throughout the legislative session, as well as impacts to public safety from bills which have or will likely pass. Councilmember White asked about HB 1054 relating to the Mayor's authorization to deploy tear gas and how that process might work. Relating to HB 1054, Councilmember Shepro inquired as to who declares a riot. Councilmember Robb asked questions relating to the 'divestment of military equipment' component of HB 1054, as well as the concealment of identifying information.
- In response to the State Supreme Court decision (State v. Blake) regarding simple possession of a controlled substance (PCS) some municipalities have amended their local ordinance on drug possession. Chief Martin presented information for committee consideration before determining next steps in Stanwood. SB 5476 was reviewed and discussed as it will likely pass. Councilmember Robb inquired as to whether an individual under the influence would satisfy the mens rea element of bill. Councilmember Robb asked whether Stanwood could adopt an ordinance that conflicts with state law. Councilmember Shepro asked about staff time associated with Blake decision. Councilmember Robb asked if increasing fines or penalty associated with possession of drug paraphernalia or public intoxication could be pursued and if

so, would that lessen the impact of the state's direction. Committee members decided it best to wait until the legislative session ends before moving forward with any changes to Title 9.

- Chief Cermak shared Arlington Mayor Tolbert will be pursuing money for mental health treatment should the bill pass the legislature.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm