

City of San Marcos

Legislation Text

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AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive Staff presentation of the one-year review of the Police Department's Chief's Advisory Panel, and provide direction to the City Manager.

Meeting date: August 7, 2019

Department: Police - Chief Chase Stapp

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Funds Available: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: Work Session Direction February 2018

City Council Strategic Initiative:

<u>Comprehensive Plan Element (s)</u>: ⊠ Not Applicable

Master Plan: N/A

Background Information:

In February of 2018, City Council received a work session presentation in preparation for the formation of a combined citizen and employee advisory panel to the Chief of Police. That panel was formed in the following months and met for the first time in August of 2018. The stated goals for the panel were tied directly to the recommendations made in the President's Report on 21st Century Policy published by the United States Department of Justice in May of 2015. Those goals were to build relationships to further enhance trust within the community, to provide opportunities for members of the community to engage with and provide input to SMPD personnel, to further enhance transparency by providing updates about departmental complaint processes, and to advance the department's goal of holding true to the recommendations of the President's

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Report on 21st Century Policing. The panel has met six times since its formation. At each meeting, the panel receives a presentation from a member of the department about a program or case, receives a summary of employee complaints received and handled since the last meeting, discusses neighborhood concerns, previews upcoming events, and in some instances reviews policy documents being revised by the department. The purpose of this work session is to provide Council an update about the panel and its work and to answer any questions Council members may have about the panel's work.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

The Council approved formation of the Chief's Advisory Panel in 2018.

Alternatives:

N/A

Recommendation:

N/A