

City Council

Study Session Summary

**February 25, 2025
Library Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street
6:00 PM**

Mayor Leh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Present: Mayor Chris Leh
Mayor Pro Tem Caleb Dickinson
Councilmember Josh Cooperman
Councilmember Deborah Fahey
Councilmember Barbara Hamlington
Councilmember Dietrich Hoefner
Councilmember Judi Kern

Staff Present: Samma Fox, Interim City Manager
Meredyth Muth, Interim Deputy City Manager
Rafael Gutierrez, Police Chief
Jeff Fisher, Deputy Police Chief
Paulina Bennett, IT Director
Daniel Wooldridge, Senior Network Engineer

Police Department Operational Overview

Chief Gutierrez stated this will be an overview of the services the department provides. He reviewed the mission, vision, and values of the department and the accreditation process department went through. He reviewed the 2024 achievements including the mental health co-responder program, records management changes, recruiting, community presentations, and writing and adopting a guiding document. The Chief reviewed goals for 2025 including public safety partnerships, crime-prevention, and a focus on traffic and pedestrian safety.

The Chief reviewed the departmental structure. Deputy Chief Fisher reviewed the services division, the operations division, and leadership. They reviewed statistics for 2024 for dispatched calls and crimes.

The Chief noted the department aligns its work plan with that of the City Council and with best practices in the field and reviewed some of the department's upcoming initiatives.

Councilmembers asked questions about the presentation and the work of the department.

Cybersecurity In Louisville – Protecting Our City

Director Bennett reviewed the cybersecurity efforts of the IT department. She reviewed items such as network security, device management, policies, and training. She noted incident response and training are critical. She discussed why cybersecurity is important to the functioning of the City.

She reviewed information about the prevalence of cyber attacks across the country. She noted phishing attacks are still the biggest threat to the systems. She reminded everyone that the end users are generally the biggest security risk by falling for phishing schemes.

Bennett noted the statistics of how often bad actors attempt to access the City's system; this includes thousands of fake emails and hits to servers trying to access the system. She reviewed some of the security protocols and partners the City uses. She noted some of the work the department has done in the last 18 months to increase security and some of the plans they have for upgrades in the next year.

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Adjourned at 8:35.