

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 17, 2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00PM City Clerk Grams called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin and Lynn Syler. Mayor Hopkins and Councilmember Kristovich were excused. Councilmember Hunt moved to elect Councilmember Hedrick as Mayor Pro Tem, with a second by Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0. Following the flag salute, Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Hardin passed 4-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of October 3, 2017, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Police – Chief Estes was excused.

Ruston Fire – Chief Torbet – See attached.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – No Public Comments at this time.

BUSINESS –

Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Lindquist – Presentation – Prosecuting Attorney Lindquist is committed in keeping the community safe and strong. Pierce County Prosecutor's office is working on three initiatives: The Pierce County Elder Abuse Unit is a leader in the state for both the prosecuting and prevention of elder abuse. They are committed to protecting elders and other vulnerable victims. The High Priority Offender team is vigorously prosecuting the small percentage of the criminals who are committing a large percentage of the crimes. They are using data and technology to identify and target the worst offenders. The Gang Unit has proactively charged and prosecuted scores of the most violent gang members for crimes ranging from murder to drug offenses. The effect has been a nearly 50 percent drop in gang-related referrals from law enforcement and increased community safety.

Ruston-Point Defiance Business District – John Trueman provided an update on behalf of Joe Atkinson, President. Mr. Trueman distributed handouts related to the Point Defiance Park roundabout and bike lanes on the Tacoma side of Pearl Street. City of Tacoma received a state level grant to place bike lanes on the Tacoma side of Pearl Street from 46th Street up to 51st Street and Ruston-Point Defiance Business District is concerned about parking on the Tacoma side. The business district has written letters to the City of Tacoma about their concern for the significant loss of parking that bike lanes will bring. Councilmember Hedrick asked if Tacoma understood this was a Washington State Highway and wanted to know if WSDOT was aware. Councilmember Hedrick would speak to Ruston City Planner, Rob White and Mayor Hopkins about this.

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Regular Council Minutes
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CLAIMS/PAYROLL – Councilmember Hunt moved to approve Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

MAYOR’S TIME – Was excused.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hunt – Anthony Diloreto, longtime Ruston resident, presented a cabinet that he made in workshop at the old Ruston School sixty years ago when Mr. Larsen was the Principal. This cabinet was placed in Council Chambers and will hold Council Meeting agendas.

Councilmember Hardin – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Kristovich – Was excused.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:39PM Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams



Ruston Fire Department | 5117 North Winnifred | Ruston, WA 98407

Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for September 2017

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Presented by Chief Torbet

Total Incidents: 7 (1 Fire/ Service, 6 Medical Aid)

Total Volunteer Hours: Total 1999 Hours September 598 Hours

Membership Roster (out of 25): 19 (13 FF, 6 Officers)

Recent Membership Changes:

State of the Business:

- We have an in-house 1403/Firefighting academy program outlined for this year and expect to have 6 members in attendance
- We have purchased Chevrolet Suburban that will be supplied with fire and EMS equipment to respond to calls at the Point Ruston parking garage
- All fire tools are fully operational
- Recurring CPR training is offered quarterly for the Ruston community. Over 175 people have been **CPR certified** since the training has been offered. Although we didn't meet our goal of 100% CPR certification for the city, we continue to provide training as needed. As always, community members may enroll at City Hall or by emailing rustonfire@rustonwa.org.
- **Fire Station tours** are provided to the public when resources are available. Please contact rustonfire@rustonwa.org for further information.

Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for September 2017

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	9/2017	<i>ongoing</i>	16 of 25	WHERRETT/MILLER
CPR Training	9/2017	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	ANDERSON

Red Flags of Abuse

Do you know a senior or an adult with a disability who displays warning signs of mistreatment?

Mark
Lindquist



Prosecuting Attorney Mark Lindquist

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Sven Nelson

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Neglect

- Lack of basic hygiene, adequate food, or clean and appropriate clothing
- Lack of medical aids (glasses, walker, teeth, hearing aid, medications)
- Person with dementia left unsupervised
- Person confined to bed left without care
- Home cluttered, filthy, in disrepair, or has fire and safety hazards
- Homes without adequate facilities (stove, refrigerator, heat, cooling, working plumbing and electricity)
- Untreated pressure "bed" sores

Financial Abuse/Exploitation

- Lack of amenities victim can afford
- Vulnerable elder/adult "voluntarily" giving uncharacteristically excessive payments/gifts for needed care and companionship
- Caregiver has control over finances, but is failing to provide for elder's needs
- Newly-changed legal documents (Power of Attorney, will, etc.) that elder is unable to comprehend

Psychological/Emotional Abuse

- Withdrawal from normal activities, unexplained changes in alertness
- Caregiver isolates elder by controlling access to him/her
- Caregiver is verbally aggressive or demanding, controlling, overly concerned about finances of elder

Physical/Sexual Abuse

- Inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores or burns
- Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases

If you know someone who is in immediate danger, call 911 or local law enforcement

PROTECTING VULNERABLE ADULTS

By Mark Lindquist

Mr. Villegas' life savings began to dwindle under the control of his daughter. He was 81-years-old with dementia and early Alzheimer's. Frugal, he lived on a modest income. His savings was nearly \$200,000, primarily from the sale of his home, but his daughter drained his account to almost nothing over the course of a few years.

Without money, Mr. Villegas could not afford the assisted living he needed. Luckily, Mr. Villegas' son Robert became aware of the situation and intervened. Mr. Villegas' daughter went to prison for the theft and Mr. Villegas moved in with his son, where he was properly cared for.

In 2011, I formed an Elder Abuse Unit to protect elders and vigorously prosecute those who take advantage of vulnerable adults. We recognized that as our population ages, there are more elders who need more protection. Since then, our office has been a leader in the prosecution and prevention of elder abuse, whether it's financial exploitation, physical abuse, or neglect.

Initially, our Elder Abuse Unit was a one-woman team with Deputy Prosecutor Erika Nohavec. Yes, as Erika sometimes joked, there can be an "I" in team. Our team subsequently expanded to include two deputy prosecutors, two victim advocates, and a legal assistant. The Pierce County Council recognized the vital work we

were doing and provided the additional staff.

We aim to be leaders in the prosecution and prevention of elder abuse just as we have been leaders in reducing gang violence and removing career criminals from our streets. We innovate, we collaborate, we excel. In 2016, we won a grant from the Department of Justice of nearly \$400,000 -- we were one of only nine counties in the country to receive this award. The funds are being used to coordinate a comprehensive approach to protecting elders and other vulnerable adults.

One major component of this comprehensive approach was the formation of the Coordinated Community Response Team. This group includes prosecutors, law enforcement departments, the Attorney General's Office, Adult Protective Services, the Korean Women's Association, and other stakeholders.

Our vision is to create a safe community for vulnerable adults. Our mission is to effectively respond to the needs of older victims, hold abusers accountable, identify and bridge the gaps in services available to victims, and improve coordination between service providers through multidisciplinary collaboration. This collaboration also helps us hold offenders accountable. Working with multiple agencies, our office successfully prosecuted a caregiver in 2016 for a shocking case of neglect.

Mr. Carter was found nonresponsive in his bed and was rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital. Several

large and deep pressure ulcers were discovered on his backside, the worst of which was 8x13 inches and went down to the bone.

His paid caregiver packed the wounds with paper towels and Neosporin. This led to a serious infection, which ultimately killed Mr. Carter. Doctors and nurses said it was worst example of neglect they had seen in their careers. This was the first murder conviction in Washington premised on a failure to seek necessary medical care for a vulnerable adult.

We prosecute and we prevent. Raising awareness and educating people on how to protect themselves, their friends, and their family members is part of how we reduce crimes against the vulnerable and keep them safe. If you know of a group that would benefit from hearing from us, please let us know. Deputy Sven Nelson, the current supervisor of the Elder Abuse Unit, is happy to speak with community groups. And so am I.

We are committed to keeping our community safe for everyone.

For help scheduling a presentation, contact Communications Manager James Lynch at (253) 798-6265, jlynch@co.pierce.wa.us.

Mark Lindquist is our Pierce County prosecutor. A career prosecutor with more than 20 years of service in the office, he was appointed in 2009, elected in 2010 and reelected in 2014.

NEW HIGH PRIORITY OFFENDER PROGRAM REDUCES CRIME

By Mark Lindquist
Pierce County Prosecutor

He began his criminal career with a burglary in 2000. Before he turned 40, he racked up 16 felony convictions. Though he was versatile – stealing cars, committing identify theft and dabbling in drugs – burglary remained his crime of choice.



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This year he went on a short crime spree, which included yet another burglary. Our new data-driven system identified him as a High Priority Offender (HPO) based on his conduct and history. He was charged, convicted and recently sentenced to several years in prison. This was our 500th HPO case.

Your Pierce County Prosecutor's Office is focusing resources on the small percentage of criminals who are causing a large percentage of the crimes. Some call them career criminals; we call them high priority offenders.

In almost every context, it's a small group of bad actors causing most of the problems. This is certainly true

in the world of criminal justice. That's not new, that's common sense. What is new is how our office uses data and technology to identify the worst offenders, the career criminals, and take them off our streets.

As part of our ongoing effort to keep our community safe, we began the HPO program in 2015. We studied similar data-driven programs on the East Coast, particularly in New York, and adapted the techniques for Pierce County. Consistent with the crime-fighting innovation we have demonstrated with our Elder Abuse Unit and gang sweeps, we are the first on the West Coast to implement this program.

The HPO program is based on three elements of criminality: rate, persistence and dangerousness. As a result, the focus is on those offenders who most impact our community. Investigator Gene Miller, a former Tacoma Police Department detective, manages the data. As your prosecutor, I worked with Detective Miller on homicide cases and on the Tacoma Mall shooting. I have high confidence in him and in our program.

My confidence and enthusiasm for the program are shared by our partners in law enforcement. Using data

to focus resources and improve public safety is cost-effective and forward-thinking.

High priority offenders average 11 prior felony convictions and more than three prior trips to prison. After conviction as a HPO, the individual serves a sentence that is nearly four times greater than the average sentence in Washington. And when you send a career criminal to prison, you prevent dozens of future crimes.

Why do we need this program when Washington has a three-strikes law? Because not all felonies are strikes. In fact, only "most serious offenses" are strikes. HPO applies to burglaries and other crimes that do not qualify as strike offenses, but still impact victims and our community.

Our future plan is to build on the success of this program by instituting a notification system. We want high priority offenders to know they have been identified. Our goal is to end their criminal careers. They can go to prison, or they can change careers. Either way, our community is safer.

Pierce County is booming. Population is up, crime is down. Our HPO program is one of the reasons.

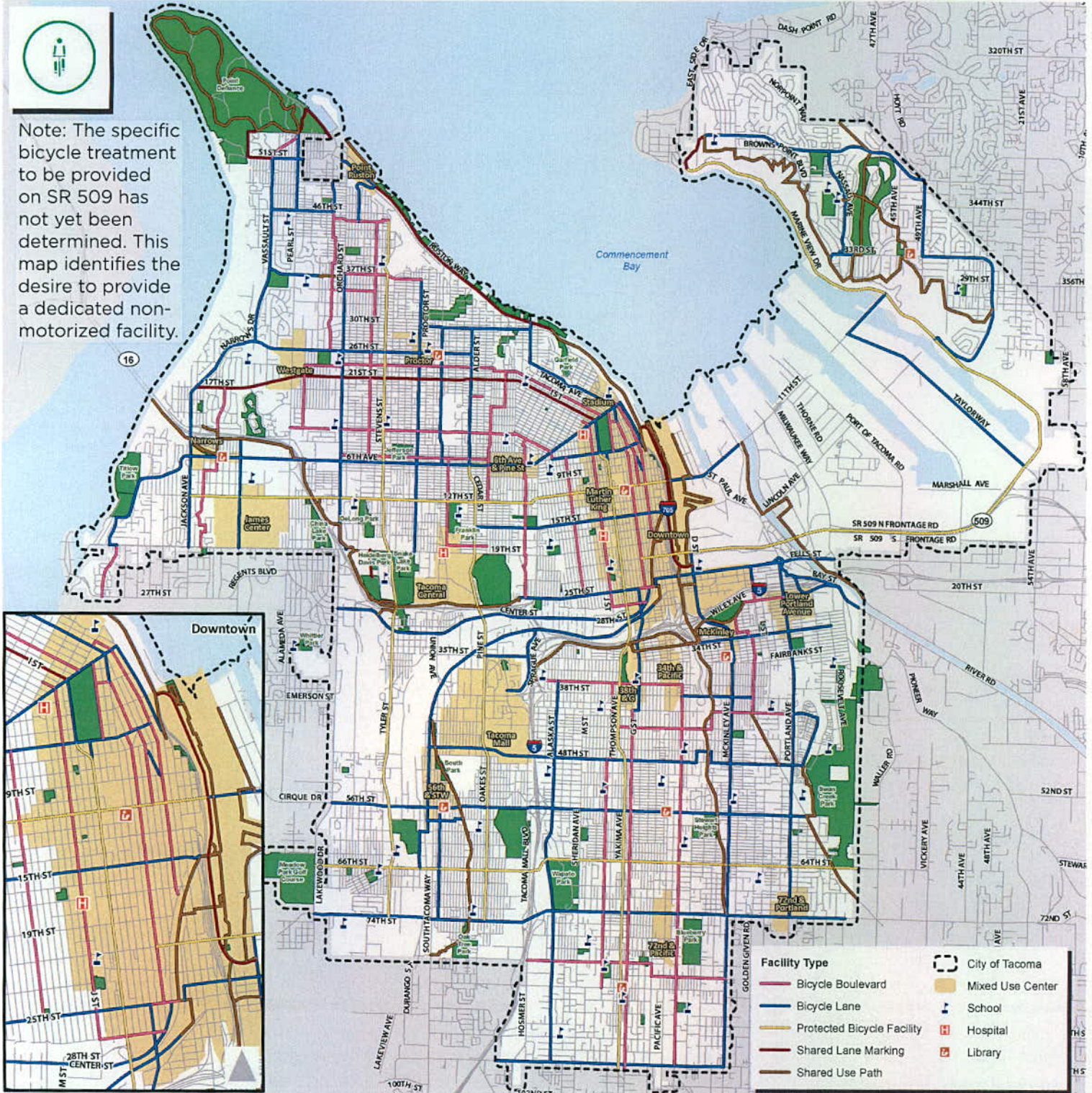
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BICYCLE PRIORITY NETWORK



Note: The specific bicycle treatment to be provided on SR 509 has not yet been determined. This map identifies the desire to provide a dedicated non-motorized facility.



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