

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

3:00 PM

Village Hall

Public Safety Committee

*Matthew Aldrich
Michael Arena
Robert Chenoweth
Ron Herman
Matthew Ladd
Helena Muñoz
Michael Weil*

I Call to Order

Chair Michael Weil called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

II Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Michael Weil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III Roll Call

Members present: Michael Arena, Matthew Ladd, Ron Herman, and Michael Weil.

Members absent: Matthew Aldrich, Robert Chenoweth, and Helena Muñoz

Guests: Sergeant Matthew DeJoy, The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, District Chief Amanda Vomero, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Brian Ruscher, Deputy Director of Multimodal for the Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency

Staff members: Nicole Coates and Gloria Kelly

IV Opening Comments

No opening comments.

V Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to change the order of the agenda. This motion was made by Vice Chair Herman and seconded by Michael Arena and unanimously passed (4-0) to approve the agenda and the new order.

VI Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Arena and seconded by Vice Chair Herman and unanimously passed (4-0) to approve the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes.

- a [PSC-282](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

VII Old Business**VIII New Business**

- a [PSC-284](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT
- Sergeant DeJoy introduced himself to the committee and stated that he was filing in today because Lt. Humphrey is currently the acting Captain for District 8, since the Captain is at FBI Training and will be graduating next week.
- Sergeant DeJoy shared that the residential burglaries have gone down 43%

and there has been a slight increase of 20% in vehicle burglaries. He stated that crashes increase and decrease due to being in season with more traffic and even with the mini bikes.

He went on to share information about the current operations taking place in District 8. One operation addresses the motor bikes, since there have been problems with kids using these. They have arrested 15 kids from violating state statues for riding motor bikes.

Sergeant DeJoy spoke also about the operations that deal with DUIs, Flying Cow Road and crime at the Original Wellington Mall.

He then spoke to the committee about eh process it takes to gather fingerprints from a crime scene. The committee members participated in the activity showing the steps to acquire and to then process fingerprints at a crime scene.

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PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT

Chief Vomero greeted the committee and shared the Response Report from December 10,2024 to March 10, 2025. The average response time was 6 minutes and 39 seconds. The total amount of calls was 1,825 and 72% of these calls were medical. Chief Vomero stated that the Fire Rescue is currently in a Dry Brush response because of the current weather conditions in the area. This means that they can receive additional water sources if needed. She shared that Fire Rescue did a walk through in Palm Beach Point at a barn to assess needs to address barn fires. Chief Vomero shared that they have also started Hurricane Preparations and should be done mid-April.

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STAFF REPORT

Ms. Coates introduced Brian Ruscher, the Deputy Director of Multimodal for the Palm Beach Country Transportation Agency. He shared that March is Florida Bicycle Safety Month. Mr. Ruscher gave a brief presentation regarding to e-bikes, e-tricycles and e-scooters.

He shared statistics from the Health Department relating to these individuals involved in accidents on e-bikes.

Ms. Coates also shared that the Village of Wellington has a dedicated webpage relating to e-bike safety.

She went on to share that there will be an upcoming Hurricane Expo at the Mall at Wellington Green on May 3rd. and May 17th is the Kids to Parks Day at the Amphitheater

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SELECTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY STUDENT ART, ESSAY AND VIDEO CONTEST WINNERS

The committee submitted their votes to Ms. Coates. After calculating the votes, the results were:

Essay Contest

First Place:Layla Lovern

Second Place: Saphira Minacapelli Smith

Art Contest

First Place: Laken Romero

Second Place: Natalie Honsik

Video Contest

First Place: Reese Stewart

Second Place: Hutson Prospere

Ms. Coates shared that the contest winners will be presented at the April 8, 2025 Council Meeting.

IX Public Comments

no public comments.

X Closing Comments

Chief Vomero asked the committee is there are any specifics presentations or topics they wished for her to speak on for any future meetings.

XI Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:51pm.