

*Chairperson*  
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*Health and Public Safety Commission Members*  
**Jim Golding, Vice Chair**  
**Jarron Farah, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate, Secretary**  
**Connor Luetke**  
**Carol Mulder**  
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**The City of Vadnais Heights**  
800 East County Road E  
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

**Steve Rogers – Council Liaison**  
**Chris Hearden – Staff Liaison**  
**Kortnie Crayford – Allina Health**

**Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Vadnais Heights Health and Public Safety Commission  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

**A G E N D A**

1. Open Meeting
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda – September 27, 2023
4. Approve Minutes – April 26, 2023 regular meeting
5. Guest Speaker and Presentation – Public Notification Systems – Chief Hearden
6. New Business
  - a. 2024 Commission Re-Appointments
  - b. Lions Waffle Breakfast – October 1, 2023
  - c. 2023 Attendance
7. Old Business
8. Recurring Reports
  - a. Information from City Administrator
  - b. Council Liaison
  - c. Allina Health
  - d. Staff
9. Agenda is set for January 24, 2024 – Establish order of business for the year
10. Adjourn meeting

**Minutes of a meeting of the  
Vadnais Heights Health and Public Safety Commission  
Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by a motion by Carol Mulder at 7:00 p.m. and seconded by Peter Tomala to open the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Larrie Pittelko, Chair	Present
Jim Golding, Vice Chair	Present
Jarron Farah, 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate, Secretary	Present
Connor Luetke	Absent
Carol Mulder	Present
Peter Tomala	Present
Charley Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	Present

**STAFF LIAISONS**

Steve Rogers, Council Liaison	Present
Chris Hearden, Fire Chief	Present
Kortnie Crayford, Allina	Present

**APPROVE AGENDA – April 26, 2023**

Motion by Charley Bruce, seconded by Jarron Farah, Secretary, the April 26, 2023, agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES – March 22, 2023 Meeting**

Motion by Carol Mulder, seconded by Peter Tomala, the minutes of the March 22, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKER/PRESENTATION -** Ramsey County Sheriff Department – Kyle Williams and Sgt. Mike Servatka. Lengthy discussion about public safety in Ramsey County and most specifically, Carjackings and Auto Theft. Ramsey County has created a Carjacking and Auto Theft Unit (CAT Unit). Unit members – Sgt. Mike Servatka, Investigators Kyle Williams, Chad Moler, Thomas Segeltstrom, Joseph Kill. Monica Long – Community Corrections Director.

The goals of this unit are:

1. Explain intelligence-based investigations
2. Identify common indicators of stolen vehicles
3. Tools used to apprehend suspects
4. Tech-based tracking (e.g., use of drones, social media, etc.)
5. Documentation of a theft and offenders as well as the recovery of a stolen vehicle

CAT Unit: 15-16 teens have been responsible for hundreds of auto thefts and car-jackings, “Hood Uber” in Ramsey County. Use cash app to get monetary value for stolen vehicles, once payment is made, location of the stolen vehicle is sent to the payer (stash hubs). Oftentimes, information is posted on social media and the stolen vehicle has been used for illicit activity.

RCSO Intelligence Unit:

1. Consistently monitoring criminal activity
2. Direct partnership with numerous agencies
3. Documentable pattern of criminal activity

Calls for service regarding motor vehicle thefts and car-jackings in Ramsey County by year (St. Paul):

Auto thefts: 2019 – 419; 2020- 1,820; 2021- 3,578; 2022- 4, 229

Car-jackings: 2019- 0; 2020- 79; 2021- 112; 2022- 61

Recommendations to keep yourself and vehicle safe. Keep vehicles locked without keys and keep garage doors and houses locked even while home. Home burglaries are up in Ramsey County as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Draft Ordinance 759– City Advisory Commission**

Motion to approve ordinance as written by Peter Tomala, motion seconded by Carol Mulder. Motion carried.

**RECURRING REPORTS**

**Information from City Administrator** – No report given.

**Council Liaison** – No report given.

**Allina Health** – No report given.

**Staff Reports** – No report given.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Upon motion by Chair Pittelko, Chair, seconded by Secretary Farah, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarron Farah  
Secretary

**NOTES of a meeting of the  
Vadnais Heights Health and Public Safety Commission  
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Not enough members for a quorum. No formal actions taken. These are not official meeting minutes. No official minutes. There were not enough commissioners present at the meeting to constitute a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

Larrie Pittelko, Chair	Present
Jim Golding, Vice Chair	Present
Jarron Farah, 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate, Secretary	Absent
Connor Luetke,	Absent
Carol Mulder	Present
Peter Tomala	Absent
Charley Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	Absent

**STAFF LIAISONS**

Steve Rogers, Council Liaison	Present
Chris Hearden, Fire Chief	Present
Kortnie Crayford, Allina	Present

**APPROVE AGENDA – June 28, 2023**

No action taken.

**APPROVE MINUTES – April 26, 2023**

No action taken.

**GUEST SPEAKER/PRESENTATION – Bryon Mayer, Ramsey County Emergency Management & Homeland Security**

Mr. Mayor presented on the functions of the RCEMHS for disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**RECURRING REPORTS**

None.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**NOTES of a meeting of the**  
**Vadnais Heights Health and Public Safety Commission**  
**Wednesday, July 27, 2023 – 7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Not enough members for a quorum. No formal actions taken. Not official meeting minutes. .

**ROLL CALL**

Larrie Pittelko, Chair	Present
Jim Golding, Vice Chair	Present
Jarron Farah, 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate, Secretary	Absent
Connor Luetke,	Absent
Carol Mulder	Present
Peter Tomala	Absent
Charley Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	Absent

**STAFF LIAISONS**

Steve Rogers, Council Liaison	Present
Chris Hearden, Fire Chief	Present
Kortnie Crayford, Allina	Present

**APPROVE AGENDA – July 27, 2023 regular meeting**

No action taken.

**APPROVE MINUTES – April 26, 2023 regular meeting**

No action taken.

**GUEST SPEAKER/PRESENTATION – Ramsey County Housing Services and Support - Homelessness**

A representative of Ramsey County gave an overview on how the county handles homelessness. The county works with a variety of local agencies to provide resources for people who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of becoming homeless or need emergency assistance to stay in their homes. Ramsey County’s Coordinated Entry for Everyone works to end homelessness by quickly moving clients into housing service provider vacancies that best support their needs. Over the past 20 years, Ramsey County has provided nearly \$75 million in funding for the construction of 2,000 affordable housing rental units.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**RECURRING REPORTS**

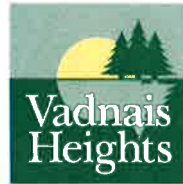
None.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Christopher T. Hearden**  
*Fire Chief*

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## *Memorandum:*

TO: Chair Pittelko and Commission Members

FROM: Chris Hearden, Fire Chief

DATE: September 27, 2023

SUBJECT: 2024 Commissioner Reappointments

The Health and Public Safety Commission consists of seven members, five regular and two alternates, with a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary elected annually by the commissioners.

Commission meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday, January thru October. No meeting in November and December. Commissioners may choose to attend a public community event in lieu of a regular sit down meeting. The commission participates in the Vadnais Heights Lions Waffle Breakfast two times a year, MN Night to Unite and Heritage Days, to name a few.

Terms are 3 years for regular members. Alternates do not have terms. Terms for Connor Luetke and Peter Tomala, regular members, expire 12/31/23. If you wish to seek re-appointment to the Health and Public Safety Commission, please submit a letter of interest to Lori Peltier no later than November 1, 2023. Letters of interest will be considered by the city council at a future meeting. .

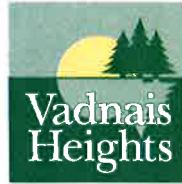
Attached is the Health and Public Safety Commission's membership roster.

## Current Health & Public Safety Members (3 year terms)

First Name	Last Name	Email	Position	Additional Position	Add Position Appt Date	Initial Appt	Appt Exp/Res
Connor	Luetke	<a href="mailto:connorluetke@gmail.com">connorluetke@gmail.com</a>	Regular			1.26.22	12.31.23
Jim	Golding	<a href="mailto:jgolding@comcast.net">jgolding@comcast.net</a>	Vice Chair			6.7.17	12.31.24
Larrie	Pittelko	<a href="mailto:lpittelko@comcast.net">lpittelko@comcast.net</a>	Chair			6.7.17	12.31.24
Carol	Mulder	<a href="mailto:camdmm1@comcast.net">camdmm1@comcast.net</a>	Regular			7.19.22	12.31.24
Peter	Tomala	<a href="mailto:petertomala@gmail.com">petertomala@gmail.com</a>	Regular			1.26.22	12.31.23
Jarron	Farah	<a href="mailto:jarrontalib@icloud.com">jarrontalib@icloud.com</a>	1st Alternate	Secretary	1.25.23	11.1.22	
Charley	Bruce	<a href="mailto:charley.bruce@gmail.com">charley.bruce@gmail.com</a>	2nd Alternate			2.7.23	
Chris	Hearden	<a href="mailto:christopher.hearden@cityvadhaisheights.com">christopher.hearden@cityvadhaisheights.com</a>	Staff Liaison	Fire Chief			
Steve	Rogers	<a href="mailto:Steve.Rogers@cityvadhaisheights.com">Steve.Rogers@cityvadhaisheights.com</a>	Council Liaison	Council Member		1.1.21	
Kortnie	Crayford	<a href="mailto:Kortnie.Crayford@Allina.com">Kortnie.Crayford@Allina.com</a>	Allina Liaison	Allina			

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## *Memorandum:*

**TO:** Chair Pittelko and Commission Members  
**FROM:** Chris Hearden, Fire Chief  
**DATE:** September 27, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** 2023 Meeting Attendance – Stipend

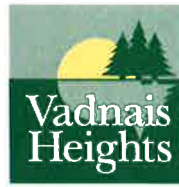
Commissioners are paid a stipend for attending meetings and events. The chair and secretary receive \$20 per meeting and all other members receive \$15 per meeting. To ensure accurate record of your attendance for 2023, please complete the attached form and return to Lori Peltier by November 1, 2023.



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## 2023 HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONER'S NAME:		
MEETING DATE	MEETING/EVENT	ATTENDED Y/N
January 25	Regular Meeting	
February 22	Regular Meeting	
March 22	Regular Meeting	
April 2	Lions Waffle Breakfast	
April 26	Regular Meeting	
May 24	No Meeting	
June 28	Regular Meeting	
July 26	Regular Meeting	
August 1	Night to Unite	
September 26	Regular Meeting	
October 1	Lions Waffle Breakfast	

9/22/2023