

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
MARCH 4, 2014 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
AMEND COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT	♦ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JEFF SINNETT SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared approving an update to the Council Policy Statement regarding the City Safety Committee Structure.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

BACKGROUND

When the City of La Vista Safety Committee was formed and the policy statement was issued the ex-officio staff member was put in place to be a support function to the Committee and part of the duties involve maintaining accurate records and minutes and helping the Committee Chair. The language made the ability for some who would be qualified to serve in this capacity. The Executive Assistant is currently the ex-officio member and has served the committee well.

The Committee feels it would be good for others to serve in this capacity for the exposure to the Safety Committee and would like to open it up to all employees with the proper skills.

The second amendment requested comes in light of the merger of the fire and rescue department with Papillion. The Committee feels it is imperative to continue to have a representative of the fire and rescue department on the Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA,
NEBRASKA, APPROVING CHANGES AND REVISIONS TO AN EXISTING COUNCIL POLICY
STATEMENT.**

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to create Council Policy Statements as a means of establishing guidelines and direction to the members of the City Council and to the city administration in regard to various issues which regularly occur; and

WHEREAS, a Council Policy Statement entitled City Safety Committee Structure has been reviewed and revisions recommended by the Safety Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby approve the changes to Council Policy Statement entitled City Safety Committee Structure and do further hereby direct the distribution of said Council Policy Statement to the appropriate City Departments.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

**Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk**

**CITY OF LA VISTA
COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT**

CITY SAFETY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

**Issued: April 15, 2008
Resolution No. 08-037**

**Amended:
Resolution No.**

The purpose of this policy will be to define the organization, responsibilities, and tenure of the members of the City of La Vista Safety Committee.

Organization

The committee will be organized as follows:

1. Four of the eight members of the Committee shall be representative from each of the City's bargaining groups and non-bargaining personnel. In accordance with the provisions of Nebraska Revised Statute 48-443, which requires the Committee be comprised of an equal number of representatives for the Employer and the Employees. The Employer representatives can be from any management level and may include non-management employees if so desired as determined by the Directors of the various City departments who submit the names of individuals who are interested in serving on the Safety Committee. It is intended that the committee represents a diverse cross-section of all City departments and employees.
2. The names of all Committee members shall be made available to all City employees.
3. The initial terms of the members of the Safety Committee shall be staggered so that four members are appointed for a two-year term and four members are appointed for a three-year term beginning on April 15, 2008. Thereafter, all members of the Committee shall be appointed for a two-year term.
4. The Committee shall select a Chair and a Vice-Chair from its membership who shall serve for terms of two years unless otherwise provided for as determined by the members of the Committee.
5. A staff member from~~An employee of the~~ -City Hall~~-shall~~ serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee for purposes of coordinating the meetings of the Committee; maintaining all records of Committee meetings; handling correspondence pertaining to the Committee; maintaining accurate minutes of all meeting transactions and providing copies of minutes to each Committee member; assisting the Chair in planning Committee meetings; establishing an agenda for each meeting; and providing any other administrative assistance required by the Chair or Vice-Chair. This person must

be competent in the use of Microsoft Word and Outlook. The ex-officio member shall be appointed for a two-year term.

5.6. A representative of the Fire and Rescue Department serving the City of La Vista shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee for purposes of working with the Safety Committee to help insure all responsibilities of the Safety Committee are carried out.

6.7. The specific responsibilities of the Safety Committee shall consist of the following:

- A. In accordance with state law, the Committee shall adopt and maintain an effective written injury prevention program;
- B. The Committee shall actively engage in promoting safety at all work sites throughout the City;
- C. The Committee shall make recommendations regarding methods of addressing safety and health at work sites throughout the City;
- D. The Committee chair or vice-chair shall accompany a representative of the State of Nebraska Department of Labor during any safety inspections conducted by the Department of Labor in accordance with the terms of Nebraska Revised Statute 48-433 or the Department of Labor rules and regulations promulgated to those statutory provisions;
- E. The Committee shall assist in the investigation of unsafe practices or conditions which are brought to the attention of the Committee and provide recommendations with respect to preventing reoccurrences of such practices;
- F. The Committee shall facilitate the safety inspections of City facilities.
- G. Committee members upon request shall serve on any subcommittee which is created by the Safety Committee to study specific areas of concern relative to safety concerns and accident prevention;
- H. Committee members shall review accident/injury reports and records and, if appropriate, make recommendations regarding methods to prevent the occurrence of future accidents/injuries;
- I. Committee members should take all reasonable measures to attend a meeting and if unavailable, shall request an excused absence.
- J. Committee members shall perform any other duties and assignments deemed necessary by the body as a whole.

7. The Safety Committee shall meet quarterly (January, April, July, October) on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am at the La Vista Police Station.

8. The Chair of the Safety Committee shall be responsible for conducting all Committee meetings in an orderly and businesslike manner; encourage suggestions to improve workplace safety; have a good working knowledge of City safety policies and procedures; and provide for meetings of the Safety Committee on a quarterly basis or as otherwise directed by the body as a whole.

In the event the Chair is unable to attend a meeting, the Vice-Chair will conduct the meeting in his or her absence.

9. The Committee Chair and Vice-Chair should be selected from the members of the Committee as soon after the Committee members' terms commence on or about April 15, 2008.
10. The Committee may adopt any formal written rules of procedure for the conduct of its business and proceedings as it deems appropriate.