



**Parks & Recreation Commission
AGENDA**

Thursday, October 28, 2021, 6:00 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting



Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89658245974>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome
- 2. HONORS & RECOGNITIONS:**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** October 28, 2021
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 23, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 5. VISITORS**
 - a. Input on Renaming Public Facility
 - b. Other Visitors
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Facility Renaming Recommendation
 - b. Lawrence Scott Park Pickleball Proposal
 - c. Motorized Personal Transport Device Park Use Regulations
 - d. 2022 Work Plan Meeting Date
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.
Meeting location is to be announced.

To assure disabled persons the opportunity to participate in or benefit from City services, please provide twenty-four (24) hour advance notice for additional arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs.

May 11, 2021

City of Kennewick
Parks and Recreation Commission
Via Municipal Services Department
210 W. 6th Avenue
Kennewick, WA 99336

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RENAME THE "KENNEWICK POLICE STATION" TO THE
"KENNEWICK POLICE STATION, KENNETH M. HOHENBERG PUBLIC
SERVICE BUILDING"

Dear Parks and Recreation Commission Members,

Pursuant to KMC 9-48, Naming of Public Parks and Facilities, please accept this letter and the accompanying attachment as a formal request to rename the "Kennewick Police Station" to the "Kennewick Police Station, Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building." As you probably know, Chief Hohenberg will retire in February 2022. The purpose of this proposal is to recognize Chief Hohenberg's exceptional and unwavering commitment to the police department, the city and its residents, as well as his exemplary community service.

It is proposed the wording "Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building" be affixed under the existing name "Kennewick Police Station" on the exterior front of the building. The additional wording would be the only cost incurred as a result of this proposal. There would be no web site modifications needed, nor would there be any printed literature revision costs.

The reasons for renaming the building are outlined below, as well as how the proposal meets the naming criteria established in KMC 9-48-010. If accepted by the Parks and Recreation Commission, the cost of any required filing fee (\$250.00) to begin the full consideration process would be paid by the undersigned. We ask that consideration be given to waiving any such fees as a benefit of the general public.

It is recognized that KMC 9-48-010(4) identifies "*Normally a City park or facility shall not be named to memorialize a living person. A park or facility may be named to memorialize a living person whose contribution or significant gift to the park system is of a most extraordinary nature, such as a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the park system or who has had the contribution made 'in memoriam' and when the name has been stipulated as a condition of the donation.*"

While the above serve as examples of naming a facility for a living person, it is clear the KMC is not limited to just those. We suggest that Chief Hohenberg's professional life, community service, and commitment to the City and its residents is so extraordinary in nature that it has greatly benefited the entire city.

Request to Rename Public Service Facility

It is noted that KMC 9-48-010(7) allows a facility to be named in recognition of organization(s) for outstanding contributions and service to the community. Common sense suggests this be extended to include living persons in extraordinary circumstances.

This proposal complies with KMC 9-48-010(6), that names of facilities where public services are rendered shall be reflective of the services rendered within the facility, by maintaining the title "Kennewick Police Station." The proposed wording change, in fact, better identifies that the city employees working within that facility are providing public service.

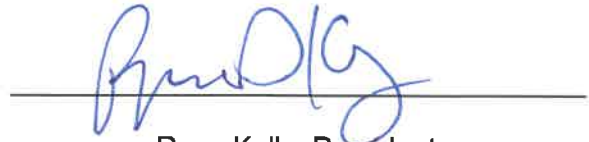
The accompanying attachment details exactly why Chief Hohenberg deserves the exceptional honor of having his name affixed to the police station. Doing so will serve as a constant reminder, to all those police officers who enter, that Chief Hohenberg set the example they should strive to meet in public service and commitment to their community.

We hope, and expect, that the Parks and Recreation Commission follow the process outlined in KMC 9-48 and forward this proposal to the Kennewick City Council for consideration.

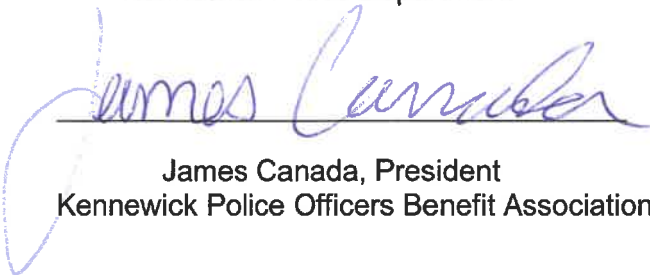
Respectfully,



Chris Guerrero, Patrol Division Commander
Kennewick Police Department



Ryan Kelly, President
Kennewick Police Management Association



James Canada, President
Kennewick Police Officers Benefit Association

This proposal is based upon the exemplary commitment and service Chief Hohenberg has demonstrated to the Kennewick Police Department, City of Kennewick, and community service to its residents:

Professional Career

- Chief Hohenberg is the longest serving city employee. During his 42-year career with the Kennewick Police Department he served as a patrol officer, motorcycle traffic officer, KPD's first DARE officer, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant (to include KPD's first internal affairs administrator), Captain, and Assistant Chief.
- Chief Hohenberg has served as chief since 2003. Since that time, Chief Hohenberg has utilized his knowledge, experience, skill and leadership to improve and advance the agency. He has installed a hiring procedure that ensures only the best are hired and retained as police officers to protect and serve the city. He helped pioneer the Community Care Fund, which allows officers to use donations to help people down on their luck and in need of small things like gas, groceries, or a motel room. He has instilled in the agency his philosophy "If you think it's the right thing to do in your hearts, then just go do it."
- Chief Hohenberg has turned the Kennewick Police Department into not only the premiere law enforcement agency in the Tri-Cities, but one of the best in the state and the country.
- Chief Hohenberg has received the following honors in recognition of his commitment to law enforcement:
 - Active member and past president for the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.
 - Appointed by the Governor as a board member for the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Board.
 - Served as a Commissioner and Vice-Chair with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.
 - Served as Executive Board member and Vice-Chair of the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.
 - In 2018 was recognized by the 115th session of the United States Congress for his 40 years of law enforcement service.
 - In 2013 honored as the Champion for Washington's Children by the Fight Crime Invest in Kids (Washington).
 - In 2012 honored as the Chief of the Year for his efforts in crime prevention by the Washington Crime Prevention Association.
 - In 2010 honored as Executive of the Year by the National DEA/DARE for his leadership in drug education and enforcement.
 - In 2007 received the Benton and Franklin Counties Adult Drug Court Hero of Hope Award for his unstinting support of the drug court.
- To honor his professional and community service, the City of Kennewick proclaimed July 17, 2018 and July 16, 2013 as Police Chief Ken Hohenberg Day.
- For the past eight years Chief Hohenberg has also served as Assistant City Manager, filling in as city manager during her absence. He assists with economic development, personnel

issues, and other assigned responsibilities. Additionally, he served as interim Fire Chief for several months until a new fire chief was hired.

- Chief Hohenberg graduated from the Columbia Basin College criminal justice curriculum and received a Bachelor of Arts from Central Washington University.
 - He was honored as the 2012-2013 Columbia Basing College Outstanding Alumni of the Year, as well as the 2008 Central Washington University Outstanding Alumni Award Eastside for the department of Law and Justice.
 - His post-graduate education includes the prestigious United States Department of Justice FBI National Academy, FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, and Executive Strategic Management from the Senior Management Institute for Police.

Community Service

Through his experience in law enforcement, Chief Hohenberg learned the value of community service. Living by the Rotary International motto "Service above Self," Chief Hohenberg has been unwavering in his support of charitable causes and volunteer service.

- Chief Hohenberg is a member and past president of the Columbia Center Rotary Club.
- Served on the United Way Board, Fundraising, and Board Chair for Benton and Franklin Counties.
- His volunteer efforts, to include fundraising, are extensive, reaching organizations such as the Reading Foundation, Columbia Basin Dive Rescue, Camp Fire USA, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Tri-Cities Cancer Center, and others.
- Chief Hohenberg received the following recognition for his continued commitment to his community;
 - Named as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International,
 - 2021 received the Ken Silliman Downtowner of the Year Award for having a profound impact on the downtown Kennewick community,
 - 2017 Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Grand Marshal,
 - 2011 received the "Friend of the Port of Kennewick Award" for his support in the transformation of Clover Island and as champion for the urban renewal of downtown Kennewick.
 - 2009-2010 recognized by the Tri-Cities Cancer Center for loyal and valuable service,
 - 2009 Tri-Citian of the Year, in which his nomination stated "When most are too busy, Ken is always available. When most are too tired, Ken is ready and eager to get started. When most think they have done their share, Ken is looking for more opportunities."
 - 2005 Kennewick Man of the Year,
 - 2003 United Way Distinguished Volunteer of the Year,
 - Spirit of the Red Cross award.