



MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Daigle on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Vernon René Daley, Jeremy Ding, Robert Ettinger, Greg Hall, and Grace Liu Kung; Chair Ellen Daigle.

Absent: Vice-Chair Reinoso.

Officials

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Robert S. Joe, Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2017 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DING, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2017 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Joe advised that a memorial service for Aramazd Andressian, Jr. will be held at Holy Family Church in South Pasadena, commended on the community's outpouring of support; discussed the City Council's perspective on immigration status, advised the Public Safety Commission to hold a Special Meeting for the public community to voice their concerns on immigration issues, noted the creation of an ad hoc committee consisting of two Councilmembers to handle immigration issues.

5. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS/FOLLOW UPS

Fire Chief Riddle provided an update on Fire Department's staffing, stated that one firefighter/paramedic recently resigned, while another one cleared background checks and will be joining the department at the beginning of August, informed that five more lateral firefighter/paramedic are currently going through background checks; updated on the Red Flag Parking Restriction Program, stated that it is not an ordinance but an enhancement to the current parking restrictions at the most problematic pinch points in the hillside areas, stressed the challenges and difficulties to navigate the fire trucks and ambulance up in the hills, limiting FD's ability to respond quickly, indicated ride-alongs are open to anyone who would like to observe the difficulties emergency personnel experience during calls, advised additional town hall meetings to discuss and voice concerns; advised a presentation will be made to the City Council meeting on July 19, 2017 to pursue a Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Marino for the Sharing of Fire Department Command Staff (Division/Battalion Chief) and to increase Fire Department staffing to two full time employees, noting that under the previous agreement the City was sharing the cost of six employees from other cities, advised that under the new agreement the City would only share the cost of one employee; announced that Police Detective Richard Lee invited Commissioners to attend the "National Night Out" held on August 1st, at Orange Grove Park, a national event held across thousands of communities across the states bringing neighbors and law enforcement together for a fun night out.

Chief Miller introduced a new digital bracelet where useful and critical information can immediately be retrieved by first responders, noted the bracelet can have as much information as the person wants to provide such as medications, allergies, emergency contacts, etc., commended a Police Department officer with the idea and the South Pasadena Police Officer's Association for the purchase of 30 bracelets that will be distributed by the South Pasadena Senior Center; informed of an officer-involved shooting following an identity theft search in the City of Burbank, noted that the body cameras worn by two officers are being reviewed, noted that the body cameras were recently approved for purchase by the City of South Pasadena and is very useful in the investigation; attended a public meeting that Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez spoke of immigration issues, explained four different bills that have been passed that many were unaware of, opined the meeting was very informative and helpful in easing fears.

6. REPORT ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAPTAINS MEETING—CHIEF MILLER

Police Chief Miller reported 80 block captains attended the recent Neighborhood Watch Meeting where longtime block captains were recognized and honored, noted the great opportunity and effectiveness of the community and law enforcement working together to reduce crimes.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF THE SPECIAL MEETING IN AUGUST TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION

During the course of discussion, three alternate dates were selected and pending upon availability of the Council Chambers.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kung informed the school session begins August 16th, currently it is the last week of summer school.

Commissioner Hall discussed block captains and recruitment at upcoming meetings.

Commissioner Daley reported on the meeting with Ken Kondo, program manager with the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, discussed the Tournament of Roses Car and Open House event.

9. COMMISSIONERS TOUR OF THE NEW FIRE ENGINE

Fire Chief Riddle gave tour of the new fire engine upon adjourned meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
Chair