



**MONDAY, MAY 8, 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, May 8, 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; Vice-Chair Luis Reinoso and Chair Ellen Daigle.

Officials

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Robert S. Joe, Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller, Deputy 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 APRIL 10, 2017 MEETING

During the course of discussion, it was agreed that the approval of April 10, 2017 minutes be deferred to the next regular meeting.

MOTION BY CHAIR DAIGLE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2017 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Reinoso informed the Commission of an email received for public comment, noted the email provided information of an article and correspondences relating to high lead incidents in children from the San Gabriel Valley cities.

In response to the public comment, Fire Chief Rueda noted that he is familiar with lead issues, advised that he has been aware of reports pointing to high lead incidents in the San Gabriel Valley especially in the City of San Marino, noted that there were misinterpretations of lab results, noted a public health physician had dispelled the report.

Councilmember Joe stated that the City has not been notified by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health or made aware of the issue.

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Joe informed the Commission that he will serve as an alternate Council Liaison to Mayor Cacciotti; provided an update on the Eclectic Music Festival that was held on May 6th; informed that the City Council approved the appointment of Elaine Aguilar for the position of Interim City Manager during the recruitment process for a City Manager; noted that the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget will be adopted in June.

4. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS/FOLLOW UPS

Police Chief Miller informed the Commission that he is currently working on a legislation that will hold the parents responsible for their children's action on "swatting", or fake emergency calls, noted two major "swatting" incidents that happened in the same week where schools were on lockdown and emergency resources were deployed, costing the department thousands of dollars and valuable resources, noted the legislation would have accountability by restitution, detention, parenting/counseling classes, community service, etc., noted support from the Office of Assemblymember Chris Holden, SPUSD Superintendent Dr. Geoff Yantz, and SPHS Principal Ms. Janet Anderson, any suggestions are welcomed; provided a report prepared by Police Captain Neff and Police Detective Lee on crime recap, "South Pasadena Police Department Monthly Statistical Report April 2017", noted reduction of reported crimes from January through April; announced the City Council will present a Proclamation honoring the South Pasadena Police Reserve on May 17th at the City Council Meeting, informed that it is the second oldest reserve organization in California and is celebrating 75 years of volunteering and over 500, 000 hours of service.

Police Captain Neff and Police Sergeant Abdalla presented the Commission with the Police Department's current yet outdated cameras and devices, noted recurring problems with cameras breaking and video downloading issues, gave a presentation of AXON's products which included Body Worn Cameras, TASERS, cloud based storage, and online access to their software for records, proposed a five-year contract with AXON which would be funded by the State Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant over five-years, stated no General Funds would be used.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DING, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt a resolution from the Public Safety Commission in support of the Police Department entering into a contract with AXON.

Deputy Fire Chief Riddle advised a presentation will be made to the City Council in mid-June regarding the parking restriction program in the high hazard hill areas; informed Commissioners that the City Council voted on May 3rd at the City Council meeting to terminate the Tri-City Shared Command Staff Service Agreement and to pursue a Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Marino for the Sharing of Fire Department Command Staff.

Councilmember Joe pointed out to the Commission that all three cities agreed to terminate the Tri-City Shared Command Staff Service Agreement and to waive the six month notice; informed that the City of South Pasadena and the City of San Marino are moving forward on a two-city shared command agreement; expressed gratitude to Fire Chief Rueda for his service to the City, noted his participation in city-wide events, commended for his professionalism, experiences, and work ethics in managing the three cities.

5. REPORT ON FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING – DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF RIDDLE

Deputy Fire Chief Riddle informed the Commission that one of the two new firefighters that were going through background checks, decided not to continue with the process, stated that the Fire Department currently has four vacancies and possibly six by the end of summer, advised that options are taking place to attract candidates, noted positive response from lateral paramedic/firefighter recruitment, noted Fire Chief Rueda is diligently working to get shared staffing and coverage under the Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Marino for the Sharing of Fire Department Command Staff.

6. REPORT ON THE CITY'S POLICIES RELATED TO IMMIGRATION STATUS – POLICE CHIEF MILLER

Police Chief Miller stated that the South Pasadena Police Department does not inquire a person's immigration status, stated that all investigations and interviews are conducted in the same manner without ever questioning about immigration status, advised that the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement oversees immigration status not the City, noted the Police Department does not participate in the arrests, but is present during immigration raids for safety issues only.

Councilmember Joe commented on numerous calls, emails, and letters received regarding immigration, stated the City's adoption of Resolution 7491 entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, affirming the City of South Pasadena's commitment to diversity and to safeguarding the civil rights, safety and dignity of *All* of our residents," as amended.

7. REPORT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEW DISPATCH CENTER "RIBBON CUTTING" IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING – POLICE CHIEF MILLER

Commissioners were invited to the Police Department's new dispatch center "Ribbon Cutting" event held at 10:00 a.m., noted vendors involved with the making of the new dispatch center will be also be present.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hall provided an update on the Neighborhood Watch Program; discussed ways to recruit more block captains, noted Police Detective Lee will notify Chair Daigle when block captain meetings are held, encouraged the Commission to attend meetings, events, and any gatherings to show support and promote community involvement.

Vice-Chair Reinoso provided an update on Map Your Neighborhood Program; provided copies of, "Map Your Neighborhood", articles published in the South Pasadena Review April month, presenting the 2nd annual city-wide program and the "9 steps" to take when a disaster strikes, noted the meeting held on April 12th at the South Pasadena Library Community Room was well-attended, received feedbacks and requests for additional meetings.

Commissioner Daley provided an update on the Citizens' Academy which offers residents an insight to the Police Department's operations and resources in Dispatch, Patrol, School Resource, Traffic Enforcement, Detectives, Special Enforcement Team, K9s, and many more, opined that the nine week class was a great opportunity to get to know the people that make up the Police Department and understand the scope of their work, regarded the classes highly informative and useful for the community, encouraged the Commission to reach out and promote the next Citizens' Academy.

Commissioner Kung provided update; expressed that the Red Cross Pillowcase Project presentation held on April 14th, at Monterey Hills Elementary went well, noted the fourth graders learned how to prepare and handle emergencies, received pillowcase to fill emergency supplies and encouraged to bring discussions at home; reported the fifth grade Leadership Student Council toured the City Hall to learn about government; expressed interest in the Junior Firefighter Program and will follow up.

Commissioner Ettinger provided an update on the General Plan; encouraged everyone to go onto the City's website and review the General Plan, noted topics discussed at meetings were addressed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

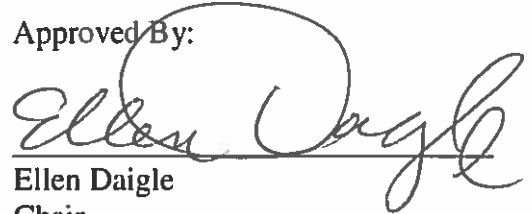
Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
Chair