

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 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, April 9, 2018, 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, Grace Liu Kung and Luis

Reinoso; Chair Ellen Daigle, Vice-Chair Greg Hall.

Absent: Commissioner: Robert Ettinger.

Officials

Present: Police Captain/Staff Liaison Michael Neff, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle,

Fire Division Chief Eric Zanteson, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as

indicated in the minutes.

Absent: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud, Police Chief/Staff Liaison

Arthur Miller.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2018 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER REINOSO, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DING, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2018 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

5. LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP) - INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT - RIDDLE

Fire Division Chief Zanteson indicated that the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is currently being updated to ensure public safety and reduce loss of life and property impacted by natural or man-made disasters, a five year plan that looks at potential hazards to the community and the proactive steps to mitigate and accomplish emergency response and recovery in the event of a disaster, noted part of the plan includes staff training, public outreach and retaining a consultant to review and update the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), which will also ensure eligibility for FEMA funds; introduced consultant, Russ Patterson of R.E. Patterson and Associates, former Police Captain of Campbell, with expertise in emergency management.

Russ Patterson gave presentation and provided handouts, explained what Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is and the process required, stated that the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 required Cities to develop mitigation plans in order to receive funding to help fix problems before it happens, noted that the City's last Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) was completed in 2011 and based on a Los Angeles County template, the updated plan will be specific to the City's potential hazards, explained that the process involves identifying potential threats and hazards, assess and understand the risks, and to mitigate, noted that the handout lists potential hazards facing the City and the actions needed to mitigate, requested the Public Safety Commission to review and provide comments/suggestions, noted upcoming presentation to the Planning Commission and Council as part of the plan.

Fire Chief Riddle introduced John Penido, retired Fire Chief of San Marino, currently working for A Joint Powers Agency of 10 Cities and the County of Los Angeles as a Disaster Management Area Coordinator for Area C, the City's advocate to the County and State government, expressed gratitude for his expertise and guidance in emergency operations and planning, explained that the Los Angeles County is divided into eight Disaster Management Areas (A-H), each with cities assigned to them, allowing coordinated efforts and management of resources.

Fire Division Chief Zanteson introduced Police Corporal Joe Johnson, highly knowledgeable in emergency management and operations, expressed gratitude for his expertise and assistance with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

6. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Police Captain Neff will follow up with Public Safety Commission regarding traffic issues on Via Del Rey presented by residents at the March 12th Public Safety Commission meeting, advised that complaints received regarding street conditions are referred to the Public Works Department and the Public Works Commission.

Fire Chief Riddle provided update on staffing, informed that Fire Engineer, Brad Harris, recently retired after twenty-nine years of service, informed that one firefighter/paramedic will be testing for the Engineer's position, informed that a new firefighter/paramedic is currently going through background checks; discussed the three phase approach in addressing the high hazard hill areas, noting that phase one, vegetation management, will work closely with Public Works Department in abating brush, trees, and vegetation that are impacting emergency response routes, phase two will focus on alleviating the pinch points, areas where navigating the fire trucks and ambulance up in the hills make it challenging and difficult, and phase three, a low priority, will look into more efficient use of street space and parking to improve traffic flow.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Reinoso provided update, noted that Map Your Neighborhood is in need of trainers, informed that the American Red Cross will provide eight hours of certified training in emergency preparedness and Map Your Neighborhood program, urged anyone interested to please contact him.

Commissioner Daley informed of a national awareness campaign called, "Stop the Bleed," a program that teaches anyone how to stop blood loss and save lives, urged everyone to check out www.bleedingcontrol.org for more information and classes available; discussed schools' training of emergencies and active shooter incident, voiced concerns with training but will follow up with schools for clarification.

Commissioner Ding reported on his attendance at the community forum "We will Be Going In," a discussion on the extensive training police and fire department prepared in the event of an "active shooter" incident, noted positive outcome and informative; advised that public comments regarding street conditions and traffic calming measures should be directed to the Public Works Department and the Public Works Commission; discussed article on movie shoots/filming.

Chair Daigle provided handouts; urged everyone to read the March 23rd article, "Weekly Outreach at Holy Family Committed to the Underprivileged," by the South Pasadena Review, commended the church for its outreach in providing food, clothing, and a place to shower; reported on meeting with Police Chief Miller and Vice-Chair Hall regarding Neighborhood Watch and the City's districting, will follow up with a report where Neighborhood Watch is needed within the five districts, noted Police Chief Miller's assistance in reconnecting with people interested in the Neighborhood Watch program.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kim Kha

Recording Secretary

Approved By:

Ellen Daigle Chair