



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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, February 12, 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, Robert Ettinger, Greg Hall, and Grace Liu Kung; Vice-Chair Luis Reinoso and Chair Ellen Daigle.

Officials

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud, 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. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Chair Daigle announced the election of Chair and requested nominations. Commissioner Ettinger nominated Commissioner Daigle as Chair for the 2017-2018 term. Commissioner Daigle accepted the nomination. Chair Daigle moved that nominations be closed. MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR REINOSO, CARRIED 6-0, to elect Ellen Daigle as Chair.

Chair Daigle announced the election of Vice-Chair and requested nominations. Chair Daigle nominated Commissioner Hall as Vice-Chair for the 2017-2018 term. Commissioner Hall accepted the nomination. Chair Daigle moved that nominations be closed. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, CARRIED 6-0, to elect Greg Hall as Vice-Chair.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2018 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DING, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Daigle opened the Public Comment period.

Susan Groveman, Public Information Officer for the City of South Pasadena, gave introduction, summarized her roles and goals for the City in regards to communications, currently involved in the support of the Utility User Tax, a local tax which helps maintain public safety staff at the current level and community programs and services vital to the quality of life here in the City of South Pasadena.

There being no others desiring to speak, the Public Comment period was closed.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mahmud welcomed the opportunity to serve as the Council liaison for the Public Safety Commission; spoke on news report regarding bed bugs in Los Angeles, advised City staff to be proactive and discuss preventative measures including the prospect of bug-sniffing dogs; encouraged more Police presence at the library; informed that the City of South Pasadena is among the cities to receive a grant funded by Measure H, a special sales tax measure to be used to prevent and combat homelessness, noted the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) recently hosted a meeting and is pleased with the progress including the hiring of a consultant and the partnership among cities, stressed for the City's active participation and to also incorporate the Library into the homeless plan.

In response to Councilmember Mahmud's inquiries, Police Chief Miller will follow up on bug-sniffing dogs and provide data on Police patrol at the Library; reported that Police Sergeant Robledo and Grant Analyst Karen Aceves attended the meeting hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) for the City Homeless Plans Regional Kickoff, noted that the South Pasadena Police Department have been proactive in helping to provide services and resources to anyone in need.

6. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS/FOLLOW UPS

Police Chief Miller summarized on a recent crime spree in which the suspect terrorized several victims, committed residential burglaries, auto thefts, carjacking, and destroyed properties within a short period of time, commended on the quick response and teamwork by Police officers, along with the help of witnesses and alert citizens, the suspect was apprehended and thankfully no one was seriously injured; followed up on request for newspaper subscriptions, advised that the City Manager is evaluating clipping service, which allows you to electronically clip articles that interest you; provided copies of the South Pasadena Police Department 2017 Annual Report, which can be found on the City's website, summarized the Annual Report of yearlong activities, crime analysis and statistics, department organization, and outreach programs and resources.

Fire Chief Riddle provided update on staffing, informed that two new laterals with experiences from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) started on February 5th, noted that one firefighter/paramedic has recently passed the Engineer's test and is in the process of being promoted to the Engineer's rank, which currently has two vacancies; followed up on Commissioner's inquiry on the cost of deployment to the wildfires, summarized on 5 deployments where 3 deployments consist of an engine company with 4 personnel, and 2 deployments with 1 personnel, total in-house cost including all expenses, overtime, and station backfill at \$114,000, and a return of reimbursement from the State of California Fire and Rescue at \$120,000; reported on a recent large fire on Fremont Avenue and Ozmun Court which could be seen from miles away, informed that the rescue ambulance was nearby and noticed the fire, they immediately called station to dispatch, reported that the fire was quickly contained and only confined to the carport and surrounding vegetation, stated that the fire is under investigation; followed up on CERT, informed that the CERT program will be expanded to train staff in the South Pasadena Unified School District, noted that training will incorporate disaster management for different types of disasters; in response to Commissioner's inquiry on fire and safety issue with power lines near trees, advised to call the Fire Department's non-emergency line if no action has been taken by the utility company, noted that the Fire Department will come out and assess the situation and take action if deemed unsafe.

7. UPDATE ON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - RIDDLE

Fire Chief Riddle indicated that the City Council approved the transfer of funds from the Emergency Operations Center Reserved Account to the Emergency Preparedness Account, noting funds will be used to upgrade the EOC with updated equipment and furniture with emphasis on technology and communications, informed 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, announced that the City staff will go through a basic fire drill procedure today, and a training in March which will cover incident command system, incident management, roles and responsibilities.

8. UPDATE ON ON-STREET PARKING AND TRAFFIC STUDY IN MONTEREY HILLS - RIDDLE

Fire Chief Riddle advised that the on-street parking and traffic study in the Monterey Hills will be completed soon, preliminary reports will then be evaluated for recommendations, will be working with Public Information Officer Susan Groveman on community outreach, advised that town hall meetings will be held in March and April to discuss the findings, recommendations, find alternatives, and get community input, before presenting to City Council in May, indicated ride-along are still open to anyone who would like to observe the challenges and difficulties to navigate the fire trucks and ambulance up in the hills, limiting FD's ability to respond quickly not only on Red Flag days but also everyday emergencies-365 days 24/7.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Reinoso provided update on Map Your Neighborhood, reached out to a volunteer who has experiences with Map Your Neighborhood and have been trained by the American Red Cross, discussed upcoming plans to host trainings/seminars, along with a presentation from the Neighborhood Watch Program, Police, and Fire.

Commissioner Kung provided update, advised that the schools are focusing on the renewal of the parcel tax, Measure S, which helps maintain teachers, school staff, and many academic and enrichment programs; invited Police, Fire, and community members to the "Read Across America" on March 2nd; will focus on bringing back the Pillowcase Project, Red Cross training, CPR, and other safety trainings to the schools; advise that nominations for new Executive Board Officers is in the works.

Chair Daigle thanked Police Chief Miller for following up on the newspaper subscriptions, advised that the Review currently offers fifty percent off on delivery; attended the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting with Vice-Chair Hall at Charlie's, reported on the presentation by new Block Captain Mark, expressed the need for funding of new and better acoustics for presentations and meetings; advised that the discussion on homelessness will be held the next WISSPA meeting on March 3rd, confirmed Grant Analyst Karen Aceves and Police Sergeant Robledo attendance.

10. ADJOURNMENT


Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:


Ellen Daigle
Chair