



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Ding on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 8:32 a.m., in the Amedee O. “Dick” Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Amin Alsarraf, Ed Donnelly, Grace Liu Kung, and Scot Lam; Chair Jeremy Ding, Vice-Chair Alan Ehrlich

Absent: Commissioner Cao.

Officials

Present: Mayor/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud, Interim Police Chief/Staff Liaison Brian Solinsky, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, and Police Department Clerk/Recording Secretary Laura Mendez and Police Department Clerk/Recording Secretary Joe Ramirez.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

(SOUTH PASADENA RESIDENT) MARY URQUHART: First comment urges residents to sign up to South Pasadena’s Paramedic Subscription program. Next comment is regarding the vacant Caltrans homes, she is asking to create a subcommittee on this matter and work with the Planning Department to present long term options to the City Council to sell the homes or fix them up and rent them.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Meeting of October 19, 2020

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR EHRLICH, AND SECOND BY, COMMISSIONER ED

DONNELLY, CARRIED 6-0, with to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2020 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Cao Absent.

2. Discussion on nomination for Chair and Vice-Chair-Jeremy Ding

CHAIR DING informed about the upcoming 2021 elections for Chair and Vice-Chair, Chair Ding stated he will not accept nomination for Chair or Vice-Chair. Elections will take place in February.

3. PSC Charge-Chief Riddle

FIRE CHIEF RIDDLE, Gave an update on the forecast for getting the PSC Charge to the City Council and informed that it will go to Council on January 20, 2021.

4. 2020 Draft Annual Report

INTERIM POLICE CHIEF SOLINSKY, States the draft copy of the Annual Report lists accomplishments of the Public Safety Commission, Police Department and Fire Department that they have all collaborated on like The 8 Can't Wait, Sub-Committee Covid-19 Response and Charter Change.

This Report will be read at the Commissioners Congress at the beginning of the year, staff is seeking the commission's approval to move forward with this.

Chair Ding Stated he wanted recognition for the members of the Sub-Committees

Vice-Chair Ehrlich suggested adding activation of the EOC and EPO to the Annual Report.

MOTION BY CHAIR DING, AND SECOND BY, COMMISSIONER LIU KUNG, CARRIED 6-0, TO APPROVE THE 2020 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT, AS PRESENTED BY STAFF WITH THE RECOMMENDATION CHANGES, ABOUT RECOGNIZING SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

5. 2021 Draft Work Plan

Chair Ding stated that Interim Police Chief Solinsky sent a copy of the Work Plan for the commissioner to review. The work plan states for the months of July and November the Public Safety Commission was not going to meet. The topics of the Work Plan can be changed if needed.

6. Covid-19 Recovery Response Plan

FIRE CHIEF RIDDLE, informed of an update on Covid-19 in October the positivity rate was at 3% and now the positivity rate is at 12%. Hospitalization rates from last time we spoke in October were at 722 patients hospitalized, and now we have over 4,000 in hospitals. The fire department's call load is at normal status, the challenges the Fire Department is facing is The Wall Time they face when arriving at the hospital with the

patients not being admitted right away. Every jurisdiction is going through this ever hospital is doing the best they can.

The second challenge is exposure to our personnel, it's an ongoing challenge because the risk to us isn't the exposure out in the field it's personnel coming to work and then finding out that their loved ones had and exposure that possible affected them.

Chief Riddle informed that part of the recovery was 480 thousand dollars were reimbursed from the Federal, State and FEMA and part of the recovery is to continue to track those cost moving forward and continue to receive reimbursement for those costs. Another point of discussion is the roll out of the vaccine and how that will play out for first responders. Initially, first responders were going to be among the first to receive the vaccine, but now we will be probably the second round. For Citizens the distribution of the vaccine will most likely be at CVS and Walgreens.

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Counsel Liaison Communications

Councilmember/City Council Liaison Richard D. Schneider, M.D. reported that on Monday October 26, there would be one more meeting session with the Police Department and the Subcommittee from Council.

2. Staff Liaison Communications

Fire Chief Riddle informed that all of our personnel returned back from their deployments up North, and thought out the state they returned last week and they are all accounted for. We only had one injury, one of our new firefighters had to go to the burn ward for minor burns to the back of his head, and I'm happy to report that he is okay and back on the floor. Our front line engine also sustain burns and multiple damage to the emergency lighting, some of the holes and some of the equipment burnt on the last deployment. We have put in and have been approved to have that expense paid by the state.

We also completed our entry level firefighter paramedic lateral exam, we had over 50 applicants and we interviewed 30, and we have two in backgrounds currently and expect them to come on the floor within a month, and that will bring our staff to full staff.

I would like to inform that in Los Angeles County the infection rate continues to decline, it is currently a 3.2% meaning that 3.2% tested are positive for Covid and hospitalizations are also down. Currently there is 722 individuals hospitalized for Covid in Los Angeles County.

Police Chief Ortiz stated that the Police Department continues to sanitize frequently, our desk, the vehicles are being sanitized, when vendors come to our department their temperatures are checked.

Police Chief Ortiz was tasked to participate in a regional group with the Los Angeles County Mental Health Department to address the Homeless and Mental Health.

3. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Liu Kung announcement from the school related to safety Thursday October 13, the schools participated in the great California Shakeout. Distance Learning will continue though Winter Break. In November, High School Students Athletes will be able to train at the school.

Vice-Chair Ehrlich stated he sent Police Chief Ortiz and Council Member Schneider, M.D. a note a couple days ago asking if the contract of the purchase of the new motorcycles had been released. There seems to be some confusion about whether or not with the departure of the City Manager, and Finance Director the contract had gotten lost in the shuffle.


Vice-Chair Ehrlich asked Police Chief Ortiz if he would be able to get a report of probable hate crimes that have occurred in the City since May, there has been a number of incidents not every week, but in the last five months and we want to get a holistic view of what they are if we can have a report on that for next month.

Vice-Chair would like to suggest to the department that we have a more active anti-racism and anti-hate campaign.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ding adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Laura Mendez / Joe Ramirez
Recording Secretary

Approved By:

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