



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Date/Time: April 10, 2023 / 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Desmarais, Munoz, Cervantes, Gee, Vice Chair Watson, Chair Donnelly

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Alsarraf

Officials Present: Police Chief Brian Solinsky, Fire Chief Paul Riddle, Management Analyst Alison Wehrle and Police Clerk Nelly Ochoa

Officials Absent: Councilmember Michael Cacciotti

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. **Public Comment:** None

ACTION/DISCUSSION

2. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of March 13, 2023**

Motion: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GEE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CERVANTES, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Desmarais, Munoz, Cervantes, Gee, Vice Chair Watson, Chair Donnelly

Noes: None

Abstain: None

3. **Arson Canine Vehicle**

Fire Chief Paul Riddle presented a proposed agreement to the Commissioners regarding obtaining an Arson Canine Vehicle (ACV) for the current canine handler through grant funding from the Los Angeles Fire Foundation. The Fire Department partnered with Los Angeles Fire Foundation and State Farm Insurance in early 2020 to obtain an arson detection canine. Through grant funding, the Los Angeles region received three arson

canines, including South Pasadena's black lab, Delta. The ACV would be outfitted to allow for safe transportation of the canine and contain a variety of compartments for the tools and equipment used in arson investigations. The Commissioners asked questions about grant funding and the arson canine program.

Motion: MOTION BY VICE CHAIR WATSON, AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CERVANTES, CARRIED 6-0, to recommend that the City Council award the grant fund to obtain an Arson Canine Vehicle.

Ayes: Commissioners Desmarais, Munoz, Cervantes, Gee, Vice Chair Watson, Chair Donnelly

Noes: None

Absent: None

INFORMATION REPORTS

4. Community Emergency Response Team and Map Your Neighborhood

Fire Chief Paul Riddle gave an update on the CERT and Map Your Neighborhood programs, including history of the CERT program. CERT was developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1985 and was then adopted by FEMA at the federal level as a standard around the nation. The South Pasadena Fire Department's CERT program promotes hazard mitigation to minimize disaster in the community and facilitate recovery. Chief Riddle reiterated that any community member can benefit from learning disaster preparedness skill sets through these programs.

Commissioner Gee left the dais at 9:15 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. City Council Liaison Communications

None

6. Staff Liaison Communications

Fire Chief Paul Riddle stated that three conditional job offers had been made for Fire Fighter/Paramedic positions. Police Chief Brian Solinsky discussed Department efforts to use social media in order to stay in contact with community stakeholders and gave an update on staffing levels and active shooter training for the community. Chief Solinsky mentioned that the electric patrol vehicle fleet is being currently being outfitted, but is not intended to be deployed until the charging infrastructure is completed. Lastly, Chief Solinsky notified the Commission that the first round of Flock license plate reader cameras had been installed in the City.

7. Commissioner Communications

None

ADJOURNMENT


Date/Time: April 10, 2023 / 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Nelly Ochda
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ed Donnelly
Chair