



**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, February 13, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Date/Time: February 13, 2023 / 8:37 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Gee

Officials Present: Police Chief Brian Solinsky, Fire Chief Paul Riddle, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti, Management Analyst Alison Wehrle and Police Department Clerk Nelly Ochoa

Officials Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

1. **Public Comment:** Written public comment was submitted by Chris Bray.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION**

2. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023**

Motion: MOTION BY VICE CHAIR WATSON, AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CERVANTES, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Cervantes, Alsarraf, Vice Chair Watson, Chair Donnelly

Noes: None

Abstain: Commissioners Desmarais and Munoz

3. **Presentation on City-wide Emergency Operations Center Trainings and Drills**

Fire Chief Paul Riddle provided an overview on the update of the City's Emergency Operations Plan and Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Chief Riddle mentioned the capabilities of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and how the center can be used to coordinate the effort to respond to any incident which exceeds the capabilities of the

initial staffing units. The City's Emergency Operations Plan is expected to go before the City Council for final approval and adoption in September 2023.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **4. Update on Homeless Point in Time Count and SGV Care Program**

Chief of Police Brian Solinsky gave a brief update on the resources the City has as part of a collaborative effort with regional entities to assist with affordable housing and the unhoused crisis. Chief Solinsky noted that all cities in the region have found the task of locating beds for the unhoused to be a challenge.

Assistant to the City Manager Tamara Binns and Senior Management Analyst for the Housing Division Leah Demarest gave a presentation about the SGV Care program and the City's 2023 Point in Time Count. SGV Care is an alternative policing response with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments that includes nearby cities Montebello, San Marino, and Arcadia, and is covered by measure H funds through May 31, 2023. Assistant Binns also provided the homeless count total of 14, which will be adjusted using the County's determined multiplier in Spring 2023. Senior Analyst Leah Demarest spoke about programs pertaining to affordable housing.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **5. City Council Liaison Communications**

Councilmember Michael Cacciotti spoke about homeless outreach, the ban on gas powered leaf blowers, and catalytic converter thefts within the City.

### **6. Staff Liaison Communications**

Chief Riddle discussed Fire Department staffing including the addition of a new firefighter paramedic and a new lateral firefighter. Two firefighter paramedics will be acknowledged at the March 1, 2023 City Council meeting for their assistance with the Monterey Park shooting.

Police Chief Brian Solinsky gave an update on the installation of the Flock camera system, tentatively scheduled to take place during the month of March. Chief Solinsky also mentioned that the "Coffee with a Cop" event will be re-scheduled in the near future.

### **7. Commissioner Communications**

The Commission welcomed new Commissioners Desmarais and Munoz. Commissioner Cervantes thanked Chief Solinsky for his press release regarding the recent incidents in Memphis.


## **ADJOURNMENT**

Date/Time: February 13, 2023 / 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Nelly Ochoa  
Recording Secretary

Approved By:

  
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Ed Donnelly  
Chair