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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 14, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Cervantes on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 8:35 a.m. in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

<u>PRESENT</u>	Chair	Walter Cervantes
	Vice-Chair	Armando Munoz
	Commissioner	Ed Donnelly
	Commissioner	Marcos Holguin
	Commissioner	Charley Lu
	Commissioner	Bethesda Gee

ABSENT

Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, announced a quorum.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Merrill Ladenheim, Deputy Chief of Police, Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, Janet Braun, Councilmember, Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant were present at Roll Call.

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment:

A public comment was submitted via e-mail by resident Pamela Perkins regarding the need for extra patrol officers near the horse trail located east of the South Pasadena Golf

Course, in order to make sure that cyclists are not using the trail designated for horses. An incident was reported during which horses got scared of cyclists and, as a result, a dangerous situation was created.

Zoom Public Comment

None.

PRESENTATION

2. **Staff Introduction**

Introduction of newly appointed Commissioner Dr. Stephen Sanko

Commissioners welcomed the newly appointed Commissioner Dr. Stephen Sanko.

3. **Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Southern California Earthquakes**

Presentation of Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Southern California Earthquakes

Sergeant Andy Dubois made a presentation on disaster preparedness, specifically focusing on the risks of earthquakes in Southern California. He mentioned the upcoming Great Shakeout drill taking place on October 17, 2024, and the importance of being familiar with online resources regarding disaster preparedness and risk mitigation. Commissioner Gee made a comment regarding the importance of collaborating with the school district to promote disaster preparedness in schools.

4. **Police Department Mission Statement**

Presentation of the Police Department Mission Statement

Item was not presented.

5. **August Crime Statistics**

Presentation of August Crime Statistics

Deputy Chief of Police Merrill Ladenheim presented the Crime Statistics for the month of August 2024.

Commissioner Lu made a comment about the safety issues near the train station. He mentioned complaints and concerns from certain residents regarding being followed by unhoused individuals and asked what can be done. Deputy Chief Ladenheim encouraged residents to call the police in such instances, outlining the Departments short response time.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

6. **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR September 09, 2024**

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Holguin, and approved by roll call vote, Item No. 6, the Meeting Minutes of the September 09, 2024, Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Donnelly, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gee.

ABSTAINED: None.
Motion passed

7. Garfield Park Security Cameras

Consideration of the purchase and installation of video surveillance cameras at Garfield Park

Item was not presented.

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. City Council Liaison Communications

None

9. Staff Liaison Communications

Grant Awards: Urban Area Security Initiative and Office of Traffic Safety

Deputy Chief of Police Merrill Ladenheim presented the UASI grant to acquire a mobile command and control vehicle. He mentioned that UASI grant administrators precluded that the Department would not be able to purchase a Tesla vehicle for the purpose of the command control platform setup. Deputy Chief indicated the Departments intention to explore the possibility of purchasing a hybrid vehicle instead.

Fire Chief Greg Lloyd made a brief statement regarding the Fire Prevention week and the City Council's proclamation in regard to that. Chief Lloyd presented the number of incidents since September 2024 and the average response time.

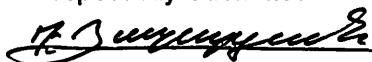
10. Commissioner Communications

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission at 10:15 a.m., to the next Regular Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, December 09, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Davit Ghazaryan
Management Analyst

Approved By:



Walter Cervantes
Chair