



**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, May 13, 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, May 13, 2024, at 8:31 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

<u>ABSENT</u>	Commissioner	Bethesda Gee
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Tanya Brittin, Police Clerk II, announced a quorum.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Brian Solinsky, Police Chief, Paul Riddle, Fire Chief, Janet Braun, Councilmember
Tanya Brittin, Police Clerk II, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant were present at Roll Call.

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Gee entered the dais at 8:33 a.m.

1. Public Comment:

Zoom Public Comment

Yvonne LaRose spoke regarding hate crimes and questioned the impact on the City of South Pasadena.

PRESENTATION

2. COMMISSION ANALYSIS REVISIT

City Manager Arminé Chaparyan presented the findings of the Commission Analysis revisit as per the directive from the City Council.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

3. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR April 8, 2024

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Holguin, seconded by Commissioner Lu, and approved by roll call vote, Item No. 2, the Meeting Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Vice-Chair Munoz, Commissioner Donnelly, Commissioner Gee, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

4. Discussion on the South Pasadena Public Library Safety

Commissioner Gee left the dais at 9:05 a.m.

Police Chief Brian Solinsky, Police Lieutenant Shannon Robledo, and Library Director Cathy Billings addressed concerns about the safety of library staff and patrons.

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. City Council Liaison Communications

Council Member Janet Braun thanked the Public Safety Commission.

6. Staff Liaison Communications

Fire Chief Paul Riddle spoke regarding brush training in preparation for an active wildfire season and announced the close this week of open recruitment for Firefighters and Paramedics.

Police Chief Brian Solinsky updated the Commission on hiring, attending two academy graduations, hiring law enforcement retirees, and introduced Deputy Chief Merrill Ladenheim.

Deputy Chief Merrill Ladenheim spoke regarding his employment history, acknowledged the City Council Members and City Staff, and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage with the community of South Pasadena.

7. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Holguin congratulated Deputy Chief Ladenheim on his appointment and commended both the leadership and teams of the Fire Department and Police Department after participating in both department's ride alongs.

Commissioner Lu thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for the ride alongs, discussed the recruitment and retention efforts of the Police Department and discussed the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Commissioner Donnelly discussed traffic enforcement at the corner of Monterey Road and Fair Oak Avenue.

Commissioner Holguin addressed Councilmember Braun regarding prioritizing the Fire and Police Departments in budget conversations.

Chair Cervantes discussed the compensation of police officers and the retention of Dispatch.


Commissioner Gee spoke regarding the budget for Tesla fleet vehicles versus compensation packages for recruitment of talent and for education.

Chair Cervantes discussed the extortion of senior citizens and agendizing future discussions on the topic. Chair Cervantes also discussed crossing guards specifically at Huntington Drive.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further matters, Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission at 10:21 a.m., to the next Regular Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, June 10, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Tanya Brittin
Police Clerk II

Approved By:



Walter Cervantes
Chair