



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030
IN-PERSON**

Monday, December 09, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

South Pasadena Public Safety Commission Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board, we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made today will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

NOTICE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

The South Pasadena Public Safety Commission Meeting will be conducted in-person from the Council Chambers, Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena.

The Public Safety Commission Meeting for **December 09, 2024**, will be broadcasted via zoom teleconference and will take place in-person.

To maximize public safety, members of the public may attend and/or participate by the following means:

The Meeting will be available:

- In-person: 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030
- Via Zoom – **Meeting ID: 841 9322 6718**
- Zoom Link – <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84193226718>

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<https://zoom.us/u/aiXV0TAW2>

CALL TO ORDER	Chair	Walter Cervantes
ROLL CALL	Chair	Walter Cervantes
	Vice-Chair	Armando Munoz
	Commissioner	Ed Donnelly
	Commissioner	Bethesda Gee
	Commissioner	Marcos Holguin
	Commissioner	Charley Lu
	Commissioner	Dr. Stephen Sanko
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Councilmember	Janet Braun

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

The City Council welcomes public input. If you would like to comment on an agenda item, members of the public may participate **by means of one of the following options:**

Option 1:

Participants will be able to “raise their hand” using the Zoom icon during the meeting, and they will have their microphone un-muted during comment portions of the agenda to speak for up to 3 minutes per item.

Option 2:

Email public comment(s) to pscpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov.

Public Comments received in writing will not be read aloud at the meeting but will be part of the meeting record. There is no word limit on emailed Public Comment(s). Please make sure to indicate:

- 1) Agenda item you are submitting public comment on.
- 2) Submit by no later than 6:00 p.m. December 06, 2024.

NOTE: Pursuant to State law, the Commission may not discuss or take action on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the Commission or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising public testimony rights (Government Code Section 54954.2). Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

1. **Public Comment**

A public comment submitted via e-mail about a safety concern regarding the intersection of Garfield Avenue and Clark Place.

PRESENTATION

2. **Garfield Avenue and Clark Place Intersection: November Enforcement**

Presentation of November Enforcement at Intersection of Garfield Avenue and Clark Place

ACTION/DISCUSSION

3. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of October 14, 2024**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of October 14, 2024

4. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Special Meeting of November 19, 2024**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Special Meeting of November 19, 2024

INFORMATION REPORTS

5. **November Crime Statistics**

Presentation of November Crime Statistics.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. **City Council Liaison Communications**

None.

7. **Staff Liaison Communications**

None.

10. **Commissioner Communications**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC ACCESS TO AGENDA DOCUMENTS

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*I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this notice of agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA, and the City's website at www.southpasadenaca.gov on **December 06, 2024** as required by law.*

December 05, 2024

Date



Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 1

DATE: December 09, 2024
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Public Comment
SUBJECT: Intersection of Garfield Avenue and Clark Place

Attachments:

- A. Public Comment regarding safety concerns at intersection of Garfield Avenue and Clark Place.



Councilmember Michael G. Cacciotti

1414 Mission Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030

November 25, 2024

Dear Councilmember Cacciotti,

I write to express my profound concern about safety at the intersection of Garfield Avenue at Clark Place in your district in northeastern South Pasadena.

In January 2009, my parents purchased a property near this intersection. At the time, I was in first grade at Marengo Elementary. In the fifteen, going on sixteen, years since then, my family and I have repeatedly noted the dangerous nature of the Garfield/Clark intersection. Consistently, many vehicles fail to make a complete stop — or even stop at all — at the stop sign there. While already concerning during the day, it is doubly so after dark. We have experienced multiple close calls, and often the driver does not even seem to notice that there were pedestrians in the crosswalk.

I suspect this issue is particularly acute because a large volume of vehicles passing through this intersection are going to or coming from the 110, and their driving more strongly reflects what is acceptable on a high-speed, grade-separated right-of-way like the 110, rather than what is, fundamentally, a residential street.

I implore the Council and any relevant City committees and departments to address the safety concerns that the Garfield/Clark intersection consistently present. I ask that the City strongly consider implementing aggressive traffic calming measures at this intersection, including, but not limited to:

- flashing red beacons or reflective post decals for the stop signs, like what has been implemented at the intersection of Garfield and Monterey;
- flexible bollards that narrow the travel lanes, similar to the ones trialed along Oak Avenue near Marengo Elementary;
- pedestrian crossing signs and beacons; and
- increased traffic enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Albert Zhou



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 2

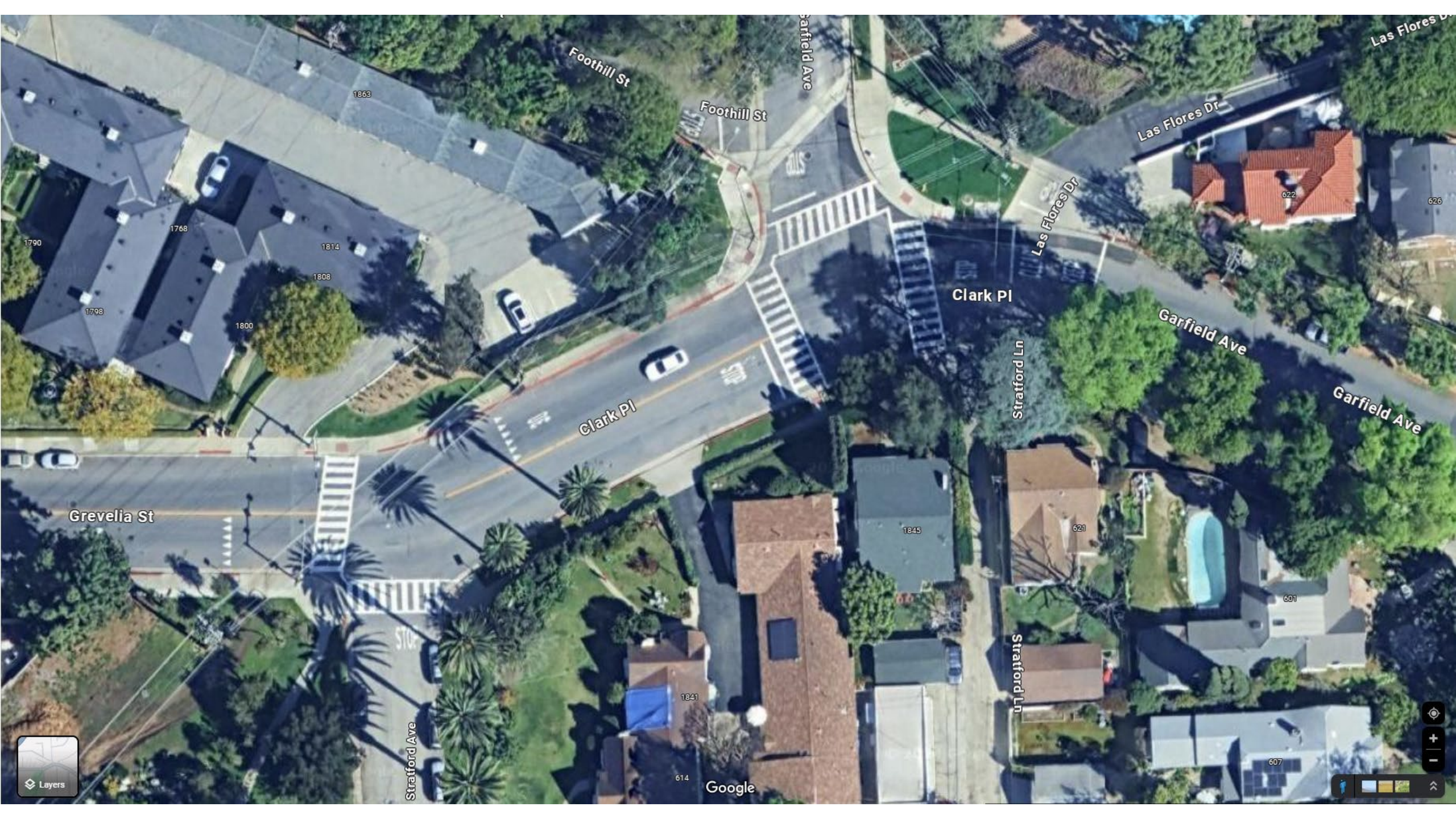
DATE: December 09, 2024
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Mike Sanchez, Motor Officer
SUBJECT: **Garfield Avenue and Clark Place Intersection: November Enforcement**

Presentation of November Enforcement at Intersection of Garfield Avenue and Clark Place

Attachments:

- A. Garfield Avenue and Clark Place.

Garfield Avenue and Clark Place



Grevilla St

Clark Pl

Clark Pl

Stratford Ln

Stratford Ln

Stratford Ave

Foothill St

Foothill St

Garfield Ave

Las Flores Dr

Las Flores Dr

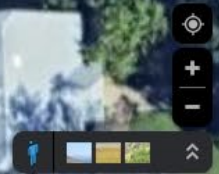
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Las Flores Dr



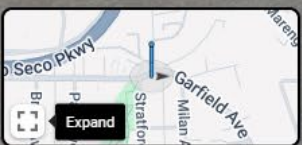
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← 1843 Clark Pl
 South Pasadena, California

Google Street View

Jun 2022 See more dates

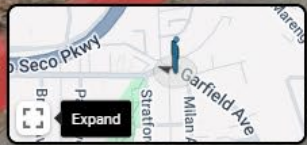


Navigation controls including a compass, zoom in (+) and zoom out (-) buttons, a street view pegman icon, and a bottom status bar with a battery icon and a home indicator.

← 622 Garfield Ave
 South Pasadena, California

Google Street View

Jun 2022



Navigation controls including a compass, zoom in (+) and zoom out (-) buttons, a street view pegman icon, and a color selection bar.

November Enforcement at Intersection

- 14 stop sign violations cited
- Collaborative traffic enforcement on 11/19: ~45 stop sign violations cited
- No traffic collisions in the past 3 years



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 3

DATE: December 09, 2024

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police
Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of
October 14, 2024**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of
October 14, 2024

Attachments:

- A. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of October 14,
2024.



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
VIA HYBRID / IN-PERSON
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

None.

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:

Approved By:

Davit Ghazaryan
Management Analyst

Walter Cervantes
Chair



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 4

DATE: December 09, 2024

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police
Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Special Meeting of
November 19, 2024**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Special Meeting of
November 19, 2024

Attachments:

- A. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Special Meeting of November 19,
2024.



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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the South Pasadena Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Cervantes on Monday, November 19, 2024, at 9:20 a.m. in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Chair	Walter Cervantes
Vice-Chair	Armando Munoz
Commissioner	Ed Donnelly
Commissioner	Charley Lu

ABSENT

Commissioner	Bethesda Gee
Commissioner	Stephen Sanko
Commissioner	Marcos Holguin

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Brian Solinsky Chief of Police, Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant were present at Roll Call.

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Public Comment:**
None

Zoom Public Comment

None.

PRESENTATION

2. **Drone as a First Responder**

Presentation of Drone as a First Responder system.

Fire Chief Greg Lloyd made a brief introduction of Paladin Drones, outlining the overall growing usage and applicability of drones among first responders.

Alex Hoppe from Paladin Drones made a presentation via zoom, introducing himself, the company, their products, the agencies they work with and the general concept of utilizing drones for data collection and other purposes when it comes to responding to an emergency. He proceeded to demonstrate a test drive of one of their drones located in Texas.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly and approved by roll call vote to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the importance and the need to consider an acquisition and incorporation of drones as first responders.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Gee,

ABSTAINED: None.

Motion passed

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

3. **City Council Liaison Communications**

None.

4. **Staff Liaison Communications**

None.

5. **Commissioner Communications**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Davit Ghazaryan
Management Analyst

Walter Cervantes
Chair



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 5

DATE: December 09, 2024
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Merrill Ladenheim, Deputy Chief of Police
SUBJECT: **November Crime Statistics**

Presentation of November Crime Statistics

Attachments:

A. November Crime Statistics.

South Pasadena Police Department

NOVEMBER 2024



Prepared by:

Richard Lee, Crime Analyst
Sharae Sandoval, Police Assistant

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police

**South Pasadena Police Department
Part One Crimes
2024**

	Robbery			Burglary (commercial & residential)			Larceny			Motor Vehicle Theft		
	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024
January	0	3	NOT CALC	11	7	-36%	66	41	-38%	6	10	67%
February	1	0	-100%	29	8	-72%	44	36	-18%	1	5	400%
March	2	3	50%	11	5	-55%	49	40	-18%	7	3	-57%
April	0	1	NOT CALC	6	4	-33%	33	53	61%	4	6	50%
May	1	2	100%	7	12	71%	33	38	15%	2	7	250%
June	1	3	200%	7	3	-57%	42	25	-40%	6	9	50%
July	4	2	-50%	10	11	10%	51	39	-24%	3	6	100%
August	1	0	-100%	14	7	-50%	54	36	-33%	4	5	25%
September	2	1	-50%	10	5	-50%	61	43	-30%	2	4	100%
October	1	1	0%	5	8	60%	39	34	-13%	5	8	60%
November	2	0	-100%	4	2	-50%	41	26	-37%	3	4	33%
December	0	0	NOT CALC	5	0	-100%	35	0	-100%	9	0	-100%
TOTALS	15	16	7%	119	72	-39%	548	411	-25%	52	67	29%
Yearly Average	1.3	1.3	7%	9.9	6.0	-39%	45.7	34.3	-25%	4.3	5.6	29%
YTD - Nov. 30	15	16	7%	114	72	-37%	513	411	-20%	43	67	56%

**Part One Crimes (continued)
2024**

	Homicide			Sex Offenses (Forcible)			Assaults			Arson		
	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024
January	0	0	NOT CALC	0	1	NOT CALC	7	10	43%	0	0	NOT CALC
February	0	0	NOT CALC	0	2	NOT CALC	15	14	-7%	0	1	NOT CALC
March	0	0	NOT CALC	0	0	NOT CALC	11	6	-45%	0	0	NOT CALC
April	0	0	NOT CALC	0	0	NOT CALC	18	9	-50%	0	0	NOT CALC
May	0	0	NOT CALC	1	0	-100%	26	5	-81%	1	2	100%
June	0	1	NOT CALC	2	1	-50%	8	10	25%	1	0	-100%
July	0	0	NOT CALC	1	1	0%	9	9	0%	1	1	0%
August	0	0	NOT CALC	1	1	0%	17	9	-47%	0	0	NOT CALC
September	0	0	NOT CALC	0	1	NOT CALC	11	7	-36%	1	1	0%
October	0	0	NOT CALC	0	1	NOT CALC	6	10	67%	2	0	-100%
November	0	0	NOT CALC	0	2	NOT CALC	10	11	10%	0	0	NOT CALC
December	0	0	NOT CALC	1	0	-100%	14	0	-100%	0	0	NOT CALC
TOTALS	0	1	NOT CALC	6	10	67%	152	100	-34%	6	5	-17%
Yearly Average	0.0	0.083	NOT CALC	0.5	0.8	67%	12.7	8.3	-34%	0.5	0.4	-17%
YTD - Nov. 30	0	1	NOT CALC	5	10	100%	138	100	-28%	6	5	-17%

YTD	2021	2022	% Change 2021-2022
YTD - Nov. 30	834	682	-18.2%

**South Pasadena Police Department
Part One Crimes
November 2024**

	October	November	% Change
Homicide	0	0	NOT CALC
Sex Offense (Forcible)	1	2	100%
Robbery	1	0	-100%
Assault	10	11	10%
Burglary	-	-	-
Residential	8	2	-75%
Commercial	3	0	-100%
Larceny-Theft	34	26	-24%
GTA	8	4	-50%
Arson	0	0	NOT CALC
Total	65	45	-31%

Arrests

	October	November	% Change
Adult Arrests	31	37	19%
Juvenile Arrests	1	2	100%

Citations

	October	November	% Change
Parking	348	385	11%
Moving	146	242	66%

Calls for Service

	October	November	% Change
Calls for Service	2,369	2,398	1%

Total Calls for Service YTD-Nov. 30	28,679
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Traffic Collisions

	Traffic Collisions		% Change
Fatal	0	0	NOT CALC
901T	9	7	-22%
902	14	14	0%
Hit-and-Run	10	10	0%
City Property Damage	0	1	NOT CALC
Total	33	32	-3%