



**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
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1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order by Commissioner Daigle on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ellen Daigle, Vernon René Daley, Robert Ettinger, Greg Hall, Grace Liu Kung, and Luis Reinoso.

Other Officials and Staff

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Robert S. Joe, Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller, Deputy Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Daigle requested the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair be agendized to next Regular meeting to allow the Commission to become more acquainted.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAIGLE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER REINOSO, CARRIED 6-0, to agendize the election of Chair and Vice-Chair to the February 13, 2017 Regular Meeting.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2016 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAIGLE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2016 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. PUBLIC WORKS – DISCUSSION OF LLMD

Public Works Director Toor presented a PowerPoint presentation of Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD), Proposition 218, and overview of the benefits and challenges of the forestry; noted City of South Pasadena has been a Tree City USA member for 17 years; opined that City maintains over 11,000 trees which are keeping the City clean and beautiful as well as helping property values; advise Commissioners the challenges of decreasing funds and increasing operational costs due to maintaining forestry from aging, diseases, drought conditions; noted increase in claims due to fallen branches/limbs; noted Proposition 218 states that no public agencies either City or County can increase assessment without going through a ballot process, City must have a majority of positive ballots before proposed assessment can be approved, as a result, City of South Pasadena as well as other cities, assessment has not increased since 1997; noted there is not enough money to provide maintenance and replacement of trees and lighting and General Funding will not be provided this year; requesting for PSC to send in ballots and support the importance of returning ballots; noted ballots sent to property owners on December 2, 2016, Community Meeting on January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, LLMD Public Hearing on January 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, ballots must be received before close of Public Hearing on January 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. to be counted.

Councilmember Joe commented on numerous calls received regarding dead trees; suggested Public Works look into LED lights and replacement of poles; in response to PSC concern, advised that the City cannot promote but can only educate awareness of LLMD and funding of it.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Joe welcomed newly appointed Commissioners Hall and Kung; announced passport services will begin on February 1st, 2017; adoption of Ordinance for suspension of library privileges following incidents and loudness in library and/or on premises, person may be escorted and advised of duration of the suspension; adoption of Ordinance for disposal and selling of surplus real property; adoption of Resolution No. 7491 entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, affirming the City of South Pasadena’s commitment to diversity and to safeguarding the civil rights, safety and dignity of *All* of our residents,” as amended.

7. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS

Chief Rueda informed that two firefighters, Daniel Skinner and Adam Levins, have accepted positions with other cities; FD in process of filling vacancies including three within the Shared Command Structure, an Acting Chief Officer will be in place; Deputy Chief Riddle announced that a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) refresher course for graduates from South Pasadena, San Marino, and San Gabriel will be offered on January 14, 2017 at the Alhambra Fire Training Center.

Chief Miller advised Commissioners of allied resources from surrounding cities coming in and assisting each other; noted City Manager and Council will receive advanced notice of noteworthy news event or incoming phone calls from public; noted PD officers know the City well and are on vehicle and bike patrol, as a result crime rates down in City of South Pasadena.

8. PARKING ENFORCEMENT-MILLER PD

Captain Neff presented a proposal for PD to have authority to transfer current contract base allocation for parking enforcement to be re-directed towards hiring full time employees; brought to Commissioner's attention that current contract with Intercom costs \$213,000/year compared to in-house hiring of \$175,000/year; noted PERs, health benefits, insurances, pensions, and use of City vehicles will create issues for contracted staff; raised concerns that Intercom has been unable to provide staffing in the last four months and will re-evaluate City's contract due to their cost; noted there is currently one full time and one part time; however, advised new hiring will allow PD flexibility for duties such as traffic control, assist emergency response, parking enforcement, keeping streets clean from abandon and/or disabled cars, citing cars parking excessively overtime, providing crossing guards, and where needed.

Captain Neff discussed possibility of replacing police department jeeps with electric vehicles in 2017/2018; currently two right-hand jeeps have 125,000 miles and will soon be out of commission.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, CARRIED 6-0, for PD to have authority to change their current contract base allocation for parking enforcement be re-directed towards hiring full time employees.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, CARRIED 6-0, moved to table prior motion-to recommend City Council to hire three full time employees in-house. This Commission indicated its approval of this department's recommendation regarding parking.

9. RED FLAG PARKING RESTRICTION PROGRAM-RUEDA/RIDDLE FD

Deputy Chief Riddle noted changes since last PSC meeting that the hillside south of Monterey Road and west of Meridian is now defined as high fire risk area and codified with the Adoption of 2016 Fire Code; Fire Department is considering ways of notifying residents of red flag situations and limited parking in hazard areas during Red Flag situations; described the challenges and difficulties to navigate the fire trucks including RA up in the hills through restrictive choke points on certain streets, limiting FD's ability to respond; provided a proposed map and list of 13 pinch points for parking restrictions along with a PowerPoint presentation of photos showing pinch points in the hill areas.

Chief Rueda's concern is that although SPFD knows the City's hillsides, other agencies who respond to assist do not know the blockages they will encounter; invited all Commissioners to participate in a ride-along to observe the difficulties FD is experiencing; suggestions that community leaders and Neighborhood Watch captains be identified and contacted in order to assist in influencing the hillside community for the need to implement new parking provisions for FD and community safety; suggested that Bill Glazier at the South Pasadena Review for opportunity on the ride along.

FD's goal is to maintain access in the hills; requesting the PSC's support in moving forward to explore obtaining restrictive red curbs and/or red flag day parking; FD will continue to move forward in 4 steps – 1) Survey Districts, 2) Determine Program Phases, 3) Public Outreach and 4) Council Presentations.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Daigle commented on meeting Sam Burgess, a long-time resident who volunteers nationally; advised of the email sent to her about the history of the Red Cross during WWI through WWII and how South Pasadena was involved; commented on a dentist chair here in City of South Pasadena helped veterans; requested Deputy Chief Riddle to forward email to PSC.

Commissioner Reinoso reviewed modifications for the PSC website; requested update on online public comments access; discussed growing concern of coyotes in the community; requested update on water pumps and water quality in regards to Chrome 6.

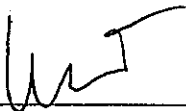
In response to Commissioner Reinoso's inquires, Management Assistant Sanchez will research the online public comments access; Captain Neff advised that questions concerning coyotes be directed to South Pasadena Humane Society; Chief Miller advised questions concerning water issues be directed to Public Works.

11. ADJOURNMENT

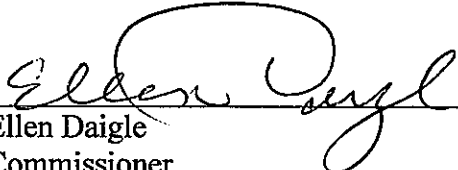
Commissioner The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m., MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAIGLE

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary



Ellen Daigle
Commissioner