



**MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Ding on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 8:31 a.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Stephanie Cao and Robin Hamilton; Chair Jeremy Ding, Vice-Chair Grace Liu Kung.

Absent: Commissioner: Amin Alsarraf, Ellen Daigle, and Alan Ehrlich.

Officials

Present: Police Chief/Staff Liaison Joe Ortiz, Police Captain Brian Solinsky, 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.

Absent: Mayor/City Council Liaison Marina Khubesrian, M.D.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Meeting of May 13, 2019

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CAO, SECOND BY CHAIR DING, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2019 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

2. Discussion of Alarm Permits, Joe Ortiz, Police Chief

Police Chief Ortiz noted interests in the discussion of false alarms and the procurement of a management program by the Public Safety Commission at the last meeting, gave presentation and a summary of reports on false alarms and management program, reported Police responding close to 3,000 false alarm calls for both residential and commercial, costing valuable time and resources in administrative work and Police from responding to real-time emergencies, explained that management programs used by many cities help streamline the process and reduce false alarm calls, discussed the program's capability of processing alarm permits, citations, warnings or corrections, and providing informational reports, noted future collaboration with Fire Department on false fire alarms.

3. Discussion of Red Flag Ordinance, Paul Riddle, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Riddle informed that the Red Flag Ordinance will not be enacted at this point, explained that when the National Weather Service issues Red Flag Warnings to alert fire departments of dangerous fire conditions a Red Flag Ordinance is enforced, which parking is restricted and signs of "No Parking" will be posted in high hazard areas, recapped the challenges and difficulties to navigate the fire trucks and ambulance up in the hills, limiting FD's ability to respond quickly not only on Red Flag days but also everyday emergencies-365 days 24/7, explained that the pinch points and the high hazard areas were brought to the Public Safety Commission and the Public Works Commission, followed by public outreach and a traffic study, discussed the three phase approach in addressing the high hazard hill areas, noting that phase one focused on vegetation management, phase two focused on community outreach and painting of curbs, and phase three, a low priority, looked at more efficient use of street space and parking to improve traffic flow, reported positive outcome and success thereby recommended that an ordinance is no longer needed, but will continue to monitor access.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Counsel Liaison Communications

None.

2. Staff Liaison Communications

Fire Chief Riddle gave presentation of the 2018 Fire Department Annual Run Report covering response statistics, regional response and mutual aid, emergency management, training, public education, fire prevention, and accomplishments and goals; provided update on staffing, noting four vacancies and testing for new firefighter/paramedic.

Police Chief Ortiz gave presentation of the 2018 Police Department Annual Report, covering response and crime statistics, regional response and mutual aid, department overview, training, crime prevention, public engagement, programs, accomplishments and goals; provided update on staffing, noting vacancies but still actively recruiting, discussed potential departmental reorganization; informed that the crossing guard policy is close to completion and awaiting review from traffic engineer.

3. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Kung informed that summer school begins June 17th for four to five weeks and then summer camp at various school locations; thanked the Fire and Police Department for coming out and having a ball with the South Pasadena Little League Challenger Team.

Chair Ding relayed questions from the public regarding incentives and benefits for retaining City employees, automatic license plate readers, and directing traffic inquiries and complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ding adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Jeremy Ding
Chair