



MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020
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 8, 2020, at 8:32 a.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Amin Alsarraf, Ed Donnelly, Grace Liu Kung, and Scot Lam;
Chair Jeremy Ding, Vice-Chair Alan Ehrlich

Absent: Commissioner Cao

Officials

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Richard D. Schneider, M.D., Police Chief/Staff Liaison Joe Ortiz, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, Deputy City Clerk Kenia Lopez, Police Department Clerk/Recording Secretary Laura Mendez, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

RESIDENT LINDSEY ANGELATS stated, what are the department current de-escalation procedure and does The Public Safety Commission provide any oversight over the public department to monitor that they are applied equitably by race and gender?

ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Meeting of May 11, 2020

MOTION BY CHAIR DING, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR EHRLICH, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting without any changes.

Commissioner Cao Absent.

2. CERT Update Presentation by Fire Chief Riddle

Fire Chief Riddle explains the history of the CERT Program for South Pasadena, in 1994 the Northridge earthquake had a significant impact on the city during that event, but after the earthquake we had about 17 years of relatively calm in term of disasters.

Then the wind storm of 2011 came and we quickly realized as a community and region that we were hyper focused on certain events like earthquakes and brush fires, but the wind storms definitely reinforced the fact that we needed to be more resilient as a community and better prepared. We needed to be prepared for anything that could actually threatened the city and community as well as be in a better position to respond to it and recover from. The wind storm started the discussion of starting a CERT Program.

In March 2014 the program got started, Mayor at that time Robert Joe allocated \$5,000 of his discretionary funds to get the program up and running. An Administrative Committee was established.

The mission of the CERT program is to promote hazard identification and mitigation in an effort to minimize the effects of a disaster on our community and facilitate recovery.

Fire Chief Riddle's power point illustrates images and more information online under the Public Safety Commission webpage.

3. Public Safety Commission Charter-Chair Jeremy Ding

Chair Ding stated he emailed the commissioners a copy of the current charter that is in place for South Pasadena Public Safety Commission, and asked if anyone had questions or comments.

Chair Ding pointed out that a lot of the Charter has to do with traffic, pedestrian safety, code enforcement, emergency services, traffic and safety programs that will help reduce/prevent an accident, injury, or death on the roadways.

Chair Ding presented a power point overview of the Charter for South Pasadena Public Safety Commission and different agencies to compare, for more information and overview of the Charter please see commission website.

MOTION BY CHAIR DING, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ALSARRAF, CARRIED 6-0, to create a subcommittee to handle the use of force and police reform and appointed Ed Donnelley and Scot Lam.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Counsel Liaison Communications

Councilmember/City Council Liaison Richard D. Schneider, M.D. had no communication.

2. Staff Liaison Communications

Police Chief Ortiz would like to provide an update on recent protest, touch on procedures and procedures in place, share our current ongoing training, and provide a summary of our current use of force policy and briefly speaking on operations of the department.

During these challenging time and pandemic The Police Department and most agencies in the San Gabriel Valley were on Tactical Deployment. We had one group of peaceful protester meet at Fair Oaks and Mission all week long, we had three more peaceful demonstrations in our city during the week, Mutual Aid was requested from Pasadena, Alhambra and San Marino. I want to report that no arrests were made involving protesters.

Existing law on policies established within The Department of Justice and Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training otherwise known as P.O.S.T these laws require that P.O.S.T adopts rules setting minimum standards regarding recruitment and training of peace officers in the State of California on January 1, 2020 Senate Bill 978 required local law enforcement agencies and commissions on peace officer standards training to post on their web sites all current standards, policies, practices, operation procedures, education and training material.

Police Chief Ortiz stated effective immediately the Carotid Restraint Control Hold is no longer an authorized used of forced for the officers at South Pasadena Police Department.

Fire Chief Riddle would like to give an overview of where we are at with COVID. Since March our staffing levels have not changed, we haven't had any significant exposures that have required any isolation of our members, we remain fully staff, and fully equipped with PPE's. Call loads have increase which is a good indication we are starting to go through the phases and opening up the economy, and people are getting back to work which would have a direct correlation with the call loads that have increased.

As stated before, we are in the process of getting reimbursement from all the eligible cost that is reimbursable cost for COVID, so we can get some money recuperated. Staff has been working 8 days straight, but we are now getting back to normal staffing hours. We have assisted Pasadena with numerous calls.

3. Commissioner Communications

Chair Ding would like to address a few things first, the closing of public comment which is four days before the meeting, he would like to have this day changed from Thursday four days before the meeting to Sunday the day before the meeting.

Second, Chair Ding would like to propose a meeting for July 13th and shift it for one of a later meeting.

Commissioner Liu Kung stated, school officially ended last Wednesday June 3rd, Summer school will begin June 15th, K-8 is for four weeks and for high school 5 weeks, everything is done online, summer camps are in place till August 7th until school resumes August 13th.

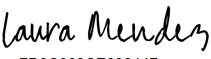
Commissioner Alsarraf would like to reiterate gratitude for the fire department and police department for the efforts they are making, and he would like to commend the police department for being engaged with the community and he believes they have done an excellent job in this city. He also wants to say that transparency is incredible important enhancing community trust in the police department is important.

Vice-Chair Ehrlich stated in regards to the pedestrian and traffic safety he would like to make a request that staff from public works attend the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ding adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Laura Mendez
Recording Secretary

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