



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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Cervantes on Monday, June 09, 2025, at 5:34 p.m. in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

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| Chair | Marcos Holguin |
| Vice-Chair | Charley Lu |
| Commissioner | Bethesda Gee |
| Commissioner | Walter Cervantes |
| Commissioner | Armando Munoz |
| Commissioner | Dr. Stephen Sanko |

ABSENT

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| Commissioner | Gabriel Reza |
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Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant, announced a quorum.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, Richard Lee, Police Detective, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant, were present at Roll Call.

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment

Yvonne LaRose made a public comment regarding the city being a sanctuary city. However, the sanctuary city is not stopping ice raids from happening. She mentions Senator Perez and Representative Fong have

issued "Know Your Rights Cards" that shows how to calmly walk away from the scene of an ice raid. She also mentions public information resources are available that can help people that have been apprehended by ice personnel conducting the raids. She also wants to share this helpful information along with others that have been affected. In addition, to find out the appropriate away to disseminate this information while also reaching to as many people as possible.

Roxy Ortiz made a public comment thanking the change in the starting time of the public safety commission meeting. She announced those interested to check out the South Pasadena Christian Church. The program continues their homeless support on the second Saturday of the month located on Lyndon and Fremont. She inquired a plan or discussion for the police department to implement a blue envelope program. She mentioned this program has a beneficial impact with police department and individuals with developmental disabilities. She mentions most law enforcement agencies have implemented this program and hopes South Pasadena Police Department will do the same.

Alison Wong made a public comment about partnering with the Fire Department to host a community emergency preparedness fair on October 18th 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the fire station. She states "the goal of the event is to give families practical tools and knowledge to be ready for emergencies". She encourages the public to bring their friends, neighbors, and family to attend this event.

2. Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Response Area

Presentation: Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Response Area

Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, presented the Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Response Area.

Commissioner Gee asked who will be bearing the financial burden for this code. Greg responded the property owner will be responsible to adjust and fit to be in compliance. He mentions a vegetation management standard is being worked on between Fire Department and Public Works. This will provide homeowners with education materials of what can and cant be done to protect their homes.

Commissioner Cervantes asked if new construction will be built new fire-resistant material that way other buildings are less likely to catch on fire. Chief Lloyd mentions the California building code has fire resistant construction for fires in buildings. This includes fire sprinkler program, corridors, and other resources to help be resistant to embers.

Commissioner Sanko had a question on the mechanics and enforcement. In addition, he asked about clearance in high risk areas to prevent fires breaking out. Chief Lloyd mentions the enforcement piece is currently being worked on to revamp the code. Typically, a notice will be sent as a series and afterwards a violation. If the lot is vacant, abatement is possible if its an imminent threat. However, the goal is to get compliance from the community and owners because it is best route to protect their property and those around them.

Commissioner Munoz followed up the challenges homeowners are tasked with for brush clearance in the high hazard area with the cities' tree ordinance. Chief Lloyd provided more information that there are revisions being made to the current tree ordinance which should allow owners to perform clearance for homes without many restrictions.

Chair Holguin wanted to know if new add ons or ADU will need to comply the new construction requirements. Chief Lloyd confirmed that any new construction will need to follow the fire resistive materials. He also wanted to follow up on mitigation efforts in regards to those living in fire hazard areas. Chief Lloyd is aware of the issues and are pursuing funding options. Chief mentions Fire code 503 will help with mitigation efforts and states distance requirements to ensure fire access codes are clear.

3. South Pasadena Police Department: NIBRS Report, June and July 2025

Presentation: NIBRS Report, June and July 2025

Richard Lee, Police Detective presented the NIBRS Report, June and July 2025.

Commissioner Sanko asked what attributed to motor vehicle thefts. Detective Lee mentions that there were a lot of motor vehicle thefts due to residents not locking their vehicle doors. This allows easy access for thefts. Commissioner Sanko wanted to follow up on alternate sentencing mechanism program to avoid going to jail for low level infractions. Detective Lee, mentioned this is typically for juveniles where they will be sent to a treatment program. Juveniles that complete the treatment will satisfy the program for low level infractions.

Chair Holguin clarified the monthly report is to highlight specific crimes that occurred during the month but not that crimes are on the rise.

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| ACTION/DISCUSSION |
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4. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of June 09, 2025

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of June 09, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Sanko, approved by roll call vote, Item No.4 the Meeting Minutes of the June 09, 2025 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

AYES: Chair Holguin, Vice Chair Lu, Commissioner Sanko, Commissioner Reza, Commissioner Cervantes, Commissioner Munoz

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gee, Commissioner Reza

ABSTAINED: None.

Motion passed.

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| INFORMATION REPORTS |
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None.

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| COMMUNICATIONS |
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5. City Council Liaison Communications

Council member Ferguson wanted to find out if these statistics presented will be included in the upcoming neighborhood watch meeting. Detective Lee confirmed this information will be presented specifically for Monterey Hills area.

6. **Staff Liaison Communications**
None.

7. **Commissioner Communications**

Commissioner Cervantes reiterated to the flock cameras are important to police department because they allow surveyance and increases safety on the streets. Vice Chair Lu expressed his concern and how the community can protect their personal information from federal government accessing information.

Commissioner Sanko wanted to provide an update that a team is still being built with the cardiac arrest preparedness program. Outreach has been made to Police, Fire, and local skilled nursing facilities. He mentions the ultimate goal is to have a diverse and developed team for the program.

Chair Holguin asked about new apparatus at the fire department. Chief Lloyd confirmed, a new rescue ambulance was taken in delivery recently and also a new engine is currently being worked on at the moment.

ADJOURNMENT

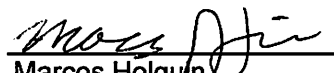
There being no further matters, Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission at 6:49 p.m., to the next Regular Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kevin Tiet
Management Assistant

Approved By:



Marcos Holguin
Chair