



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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, April 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Cervantes on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 9:34 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
Commissioner	Marcos Holguin
Commissioner	Charley Lu
Commissioner	Dr. Stephen Sanko
Commissioner	Gabriel Reza

**ABSENT**

Vice-Chair	Armando Munoz
Commissioner	Bethesda Gee

Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, announced a quorum.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police, Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, Omari Ferguson, Councilmember, Merrill Ladenheim, Deputy Chief of Police, Shannon Robledo, Police Lieutenant, Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant were present at Roll Call.

**COUNCIL LIAISON:** Councilmember Omari Ferguson

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. **Public Comment**

Yvonne LaRose made a public comment, in relation to the current circumstances with regards to two issues. The first issue was people who are perceived as migrants and are being deported and the second issue was healthcare in regards to counseling, advice and performing aborting procedures. She recommended, "the city to declare itself a sanctuary city for the sake of deportation and also to de-criminalize procedures to terminate pregnancy for both the patient and medical professional providing counseling and procedure".

Colin Campbell made a public comment, stating that "Anthony Marrone, LA County Fire Department Chief, requested a database on January 21, Kathryn Barger, Board of Supervisors requested an enhancement for evacuation for the fire department." He added, "I am volunteering to do requirements, and I wish to be transparent". In addition, he mentioned he can "help roll out some new technology to help with the fire department".

## **PRESENTATION**

### **2. Library/Community Center Site Plan – Project and Community Engagement Overview**

Presentation of the Library/Community Center Site Plan – Project and Community Engagement Overview.

Cathy Billings, Library Director, presented the Library/Community Center Site Plan – Project and Community Engagement Overview.

Chair Cervantes commended the Library for doing a great job at serving the city. In addition, he mentioned the safety of personnel should be kept in mind for this new project. Cathy Billing addressed the new facility will have safety features and more visibility designed to help keep users safe.

Commissioner Holguin asked if Library needed assistance from the commission to advocate for public safety for this new project. Cathy Billing mentioned being engaged, share input and participate in the outreach and engagements to gain perspective.

Commissioner Sanko applauded the new project and mentioned having visibility of AEDs in the facility.

### **3. Fire Hazard Severity Zones In Local Response Area**

Presentation of the Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Response Area

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

Chair Cervantes asked how can people protect existing homes and homes in construction to be fire proof from a future wildfire. Chief Lloyd referred and will roll out education videos by CalFire and California Building Code 7A that provides helpful information to help protect their homes and be more ember resistant.

Commissioner Sanko asked what combustible material that need to be removed and would there be a reconstruction of new homes and escape routes. Chief Lloyd recommended the community in taking an active role in preventing fire. Chief Lloyd recalls building codes are not retroactive, which will not require a reconstruction. In addition, Chief Lloyd recommends the community work with the department to park vehicles in a way to allow fire apparatus with enough clearance to access areas with narrow roadways during an emergency. In addition, a direction will be implemented to provide the community with the best evacuation route.

Commissioner Holguin asked if streets need to be widened for fire apparatus access that are in the high fire zone area. Chief Lloyd referred to the fire code for vehicle parking depending on the length of the road for the safety of the community.

## ACTION/DISCUSSION

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of March 10, 2025**  
Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of March 10, 2025

### **COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Reza, seconded by chair Cervantes approved by roll call vote, Item No.4 the Meeting Minutes of the March 10, 2025 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

**AYES:** Chair Cervantes, Commissioner Sanko, Commissioner Reza, Commissioner Holguin

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Gee

**ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion passed.

## INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

## COMMUNICATIONS

5. **City Council Liaison Communications**  
Councilmember Ferguson wanted the community to keep in mind there should be an alignment from insurance companies if the community plans to take action in protecting their homes. In addition, remind commissioners the issued city emails will be the main form of receiving communication.
6. **Staff Liaison Communications**  
None.
7. **Commissioner Communications**  
Commissioner Holguin asked for an update on the status of parking regulations. Lieutenant Robledo confirmed parking regulations have been reactivated and is enforcing overnight parking and 72-hour parking.

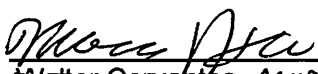
## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission at 11:08 a.m., to the next Regular Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Kevin Tiet  
Management Assistant

Approved By:

  
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Walter Cervantes  
Chair