



**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, May 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

South Pasadena Public Safety Commission Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board, we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made today will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Cervantes on Monday, May 12, 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	Gabriel Reza

ABSENT

Vice-Chair	Armando Munoz
Commissioner	Bethesda Gee

Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant, announced a quorum.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police, Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, Omari Ferguson, Councilmember, Shannon Robledo, Police Lieutenant, Lucy Hakobian, Community Services Director, Melissa Snyder, Community Services Deputy Director, Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant were present at Roll Call.

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Councilmember	Omari Ferguson
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1. **Public Comment**
None.

PRESENTATION

2. **Presentation: 4th of July Drone Show**
Presentation of the 4th of July Drone Show

Lucy Hakobian, Community Services Director, presented the 4th of July Drone Show.

Chair Cervantes asked what the cost was for implementing a drone show. Lucy Hakobian mentioned it is dependent on the number of drones used. More drones will result in a higher cost. However, more drones utilized will result in a better 4th of July show.

Commissioner Holguin asked what our current traditional 4th of July show is on the scale. Lucy stated the vendor currently used provided an excellent show and they are a great team to work with.

Yvonne LaRose made a public comment, about recent events of tariffs and the financial impacts on the fireworks compared to the costs of the drones. In addition, she asked how the drone show compares to the Laserium show over the hill and it could be an amazing show. She mentioned she enjoys the traditional fireworks.

3. **Presentation: Potential Funding for a New Radio Tower for the South Pasadena Police Department**
Presentation of Potential Funding for a New Radio Tower for the South Pasadena Police Department

Shannon Robledo, Police Lieutenant, presented the Potential Funding for a New Radio Tower for the South Pasadena Police Department

Chair Cervantes asked what the cost were and how the department plans to pay. Chief Solinsky mentioned they are seeking out grants. In addition, new radio tower will improve communications without any interruptions.

Commissioner Holguin asked if radio communication on the tesla fleet are new. Chief Solinsky stated they are recycled from the previous fleet and focusing on radio infrastructure is the department's number one priority.

Commissioner Lu extended his offer to provide assistance to the police department and mentioned to compare our plan with neighboring cities who have fulfilled communication requirements.

Commissioner Reza wanted to express his support and also offered to help and provide assistance to the department.

4. **Presentation: Cardiac Arrest Task Force and South Pasadena Citizen CPR**
Presentation of Cardiac Arrest Task Force and South Pasadena Citizen CPR

Dr. Michael Stone, presented the Cardiac Arrest Task Force and South Pasadena Citizen CPR

Commissioner Holguin asked for clarification as to why the rates are low for the community. Dr. Stone stated access to care, lower bystander rates, and lower AED application rates that affect the rate and mentioned the importance of the having the task force.

Chair Cervantes commended this program and recommended to offer the trainings in highly populated areas to get this introduced to the community.

Yvonne LaRose mentioned the importance of education focused on cardiac arrest for both group of men

and women. In addition, mentioned there should be awareness for after care to help with health improvement.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

5. APPROVAL OF ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Holguin, and approved by roll call vote, Item No. 4, the Approval of Election of Chair and Vice of the Public Safety Commission

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Reza

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Gee

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Passed

A motion made by Commissioner Holguin, seconded by Chair Cervantes , and approved by roll call vote, to nominate Commissioner Lu as Vice Chair

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Reza

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Gee

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Passed

A motion made by Commissioner Lu, seconded by Chair Cervantes, and approved by roll call vote, to nominate Commissioner Holguin as Chair

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Reza

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Gee

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Passed

6. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of April 14, 2025

Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of April 14, 2024 will be brought back at the next commission meeting. Staff made revisions to the minutes.

7. Changing the Start Time of Future Public Safety Commission Regular Meetings to 9:30 a.m.

Chief Solinsky mentioned calendars with availability of the Council Chambers will be sent to the Commission and will add this item to the agenda for the next commission meeting for the consideration to change the start time of future Public Safety Commission Regular Meetings.

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. **City Council Liaison Communications**

On behalf of Council Member Ferguson, Mayor Janet Braun mentioned to add the neighborhood watch on the next agenda. Mayor Braun also thanked Chair Cervantes for serving the commission.

9. **Staff Liaison Communications**

Chief Solinsky mentioned it is law enforcement memorial week and staff will be participating in the Los Angeles County police peace officer memorial event to honor all men and women serving in law enforcement. The department is continuing the hiring process and almost fully staffed.

10. **Commissioner Communications**

Chair Cervantes mentioned Ring Cameras would be a helpful surveillance tool for Police and Fire.

Commissioner Lu stated the CERT training was a very helpful tool and provided best practices. In addition, he thanked Detective Lee for participating in the neighborhood watch meeting.

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, June 09, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:



Kevin Tiet
Management Assistant



~~Walter Cervantes~~ Marcos Holguin
Chair