



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Joint Meeting of the City of South Pasadena City Council and the Public Safety Commission was called to order by Mayor Zneimer on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:19 P.M. in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Mayor	Evelyn G. Zneimer
Mayor Pro Tem	Jack Donovan
Councilmember	Jon Primuth
Councilmember	Michael A. Cacciotti
Councilmember	Janet Braun
Chair	Walter Cervantes
Vice Chair	Armando Munoz
Commissioner	Ed Donnelly
Commissioner	Bethesda Gee
Commissioner	Marcos Holguin
Commissioner	Dr. Charley Lu

ABSENT

Commissioner	Amin Al-Sarraf
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Mark Perez, Deputy City Clerk, announced a quorum.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager/Executive Director; Roxanne Diaz, City Attorney; Mark Perez, Deputy City Clerk were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment will be limited to three minutes per speaker for the agenda items only.

In Person Public Comments:

Omari Ferguson commented on the Racial and Identity Profiling Act annual report.

Zoom Public Comments:

Yvonne LaRose commented on the Racial and Identity Profiling Act annual report.

ACTION/DISCUSSION**2. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT OF 2015, ASSEMBLY BILL 953, AND ARREST DATA AS IT PERTAINS TO THE SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council receive and discuss the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) of 2015, Assembly Bill 953 (AB 953), and arrest data as it pertains to the South Pasadena Police Department.

Police Chief Brian Solinsky and Bob Scales from Police Strategies, LLC presented item no. 2.

Councilmember Cacciotti asked if this report takes into consideration demographic regions.

Mr. Scales responded that the population benchmark is used to produce this report. Councilmember Braun asked if this data is from 2022 or 2023. Police Chief Solinsky clarified that data started being collected in 2022 but the dashboard reflects the most recent data. Mayor Zneimer pointed out that data in packet received by Councilmembers and Commissioners is not accurate with what is on the presentation.

Mayor Zneimer asked if this report is ADA Compliant. Mr. Scale responded that it is not ADA compliant, however, if the City Council prefers it, they can make it ADA compliant.

Mayor Zneimer asked why there was a peak in April 2023 on traffic stops. Police Chief Solinsky responded that he would have to go back and inspect the records.

Public Safety Chair Cervantes commented that is an alarming picture of South Pasadena to have the second highest rate after Los Angeles and mentioned that this is unfair to the city. Police Chief Solinsky responded that they could collect more data sets. Mr. Scales remarked that only fifteen percent of arrestees are South Pasadena residents.

Commissioner Gee asked what the cost is of the dashboard and if it was budgeted. Police Chief Solinsky responded that it costs \$10,000 and the dashboard was budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Councilmember Cacciotti, seconded by Councilmember Primuth, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 2 as presented. The motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Cacciotti, Donovan, Primuth, Chair Zneimer
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Mayor Zneimer adjourned the Special Joint meeting of the City of South Pasadena City Council and the Public Safety Commission at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:


Amber Tardif
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:


Evelyn G. Zneimer
Mayor

ATTEST:


Amber Tardif
Deputy City Clerk