



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Daigle on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Jeremy Ding, Vernon René Daley, Robert Ettinger, Greg Hall, and Grace Liu Kung; Vice-Chair Luis Reinoso and Chair Ellen Daigle.

Officials

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Robert S. Joe, Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING

Following discussion, MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, CARRIED 7-0, to amend the draft minutes for September 11, 2017 to reflect that the Commission's decision to form a subcommittee regarding the choke points on the hills, be revised to reflect that the City Attorney advised the Commission that that was against the Brown Act and therefore Commission did not form such a subcommittee.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Daigle opened the Public Comment period.

Sue Ellen, South Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding traffic and street conditions in the hill areas, pointed out several traffic and parking violations including cars going on the wrong side of the road and illegal parking, suggested to re-evaluate parking permit policies and fees to discourage overcrowding and excessive parking, voiced concerns for pedestrian safety and emergency vehicles unable to access, provided photos and information.

Police Chief Miller concerned with several issues brought up, requested information to coordinate and resolve.

Alan Ehrlich, South Pasadena resident, proposed that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) be utilized as much as possible, as an additional resource; suggested that CERT be advised of additional trainings to enhance and retain skills, noted that the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) offers basic training and additional training in specific areas.

In regard to public comments, Fire Chief Riddle provided update; informed that a traffic study will be commissioned to analyze access points and address traffic and street conditions in the hill areas, noted the support of the Safety Public Commission and the ongoing efforts to address the issues to the community, stressed the challenges and difficulties to navigate the fire trucks and ambulance up in the hills, limiting FD's ability to respond quickly not only on Red Flag days but also everyday emergencies- 365 days 24/7; voiced support for continuing education and training of CERT especially with multi-agencies, noted transitional changes and the process of re-energizing the CERT program.

There being no others desiring to speak on this item, the Public Comment period was closed.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Joe provided updates; noted the recent court cases, stated the adoption of Ordinance No. 2319 entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, relating to the City's procedures concerning sensitive information and the enforcement of federal immigration law"; stated that City Council requested City staff to re-evaluate options for the new Emergency Operation Center (EOC) due to funding, noting that the Asset Forfeiture Funds would not be available immediately; stated the adoption of Ordinance No.2318 changing from at-large election to by-district elections, noting that the election will commence in November 2018; commended the Fire Department for the start of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training being held on October 7th, 14th, and 21st; informed a decision on water and sewer rate will be held on November 1st, 2017.

5. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS/FOLLOW UPS

Fire Chief Riddle informed that Fire Captain Saxon and Engine were deployed to the fires in the Anaheim Hills and Napa; informed the promotion of a Division Chief and a Captain, and an open recruitment for three more firefighter/paramedic to complete full staffing for the department; invited the Commission to a badge pinning ceremony being held on November 18th, 2017, stated that Firefighter/Paramedic JC Monticone will receive a Medal of Valor for his extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery as a public safety officer during the October 1, 2017 Las Vegas shooting.

Police Chief Miller provided staffing update, informed of the recent testing and review for the Corporal position, informed of open recruitment for three more officers.

6. DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Chair Daigle provided a draft of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Public Safety Commission Annual Report.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hall reported on the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program booth at the "South Pasadena Police and Fire Department Open House," noted that about 50-60 people have signed up, informed that Police Detective Lee will have letters sent to discuss the details of becoming a block captain, encouraged the Commission to attend upcoming meetings to show support and promote community involvement.

Vice-Chair Reinoso informed that the November training for Map Your Neighborhood trainings may be postponed, noted that the trainers have either moved or in the process of moving.

Commissioner Kung informed that the schools participated in the "Annual Walk or Bike to School Day" held on the first Wednesday of October, promoting health, safety, and fun for a cleaner environment, noted that the City Youth Commission and Fire Department were on hand distributing giveaways.

Chair Daigle commended on the phenomenal job done with CERT, Neighborhood Watch, and Public Safety Commission booths at the "South Pasadena Police and Fire Department Open House", requested additional materials for next year's event; requested that Knox box be agendaize for next month's meeting.

Commissioner Ettinger, and on behalf of everyone, expressed deep gratitude to Police Chief Miller for so much of the service to provide for the City, noted everyone's support and appreciation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

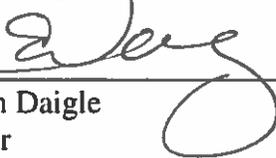
Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
Chair