



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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, September 11, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner: Jeremy Ding.

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. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

Fire Chief Riddle leads moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11, paying tribute to those who lost their lives and those who risked their lives in order to help others 16 years ago, nearly 3,000 lives including 343 firefighters and 71 police officers.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2017 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2017 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2017 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR REINOSO, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the August 29, 2017 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Daigle opened the Public Comment period.

Dr. Stephen Sanko, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at LAC+USC Medical Center and Assistant Medical Director of LAFD, South Pasadena resident, gave feedback on two near-fatal incidents; stated that the Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) was deployed to one of the incident where he and Dr. Marc Eckstein, MD, Medical Director of LAFD, performed an emergency on-scene surgical procedure, advised that both patients survived due to collective efforts from participating emergency responders and awaiting emergency team at the LAC+USC Medical Center (General Hospital), thanked the emergency responders for an outstanding and professional job, noted family members expressed positive comments.

Police Chief Miller thanked Dr. Stephen Sanko for sharing his comments and his perspective as a resident who is also in the profession; noted the cohesive relationship with the Fire Department and law enforcement, working and training well together, and the support of the community; informed Commissioners of the implementation of the Tactical Medicine Program of the South Pasadena Police Department with Dr. Nicholas Greco, MD, from Huntington Memorial Hospital and LAC+USC Medical Center, which provides training to law enforcement in immediate first aid medical care, noted over 240 officers regionally in the San Gabriel Valley have been trained.

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

6. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Joe informed of his meeting with Interim City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, who thanked the Public Safety Commission for holding the Special Meeting on August 29th to discuss immigration, noted revisions to policy and an ordinance will soon follow; gave follow up to the historical vote of May 25th, 2017 of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board to direct the SR-710 project funds to local street improvements instead of the controversial freeway tunnel, noted the move includes allocation of \$105 million of the \$780 million in Measure R funds for new mobility improvement projects in the San Gabriel Valley region, informed of a new ad hoc committee consisting of two members from the Transportation Commission, Public Works Commission, and Councilmembers to established improvement projects.

7. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS/FOLLOW UPS

Police Chief Miller highlighted the special mass held by the Holy Family Church on Sunday, September 10, 2017 honoring the Police and Fire Departments, expressed appreciation and gratitude to the Holy Family Church and Ted Shaw for coordinating this special moment; follow up on the high-visibility policing throughout the five schools; noted an additional motor officer assisting in traffic enforcement and safety; attended the Rotary Club of South Pasadena weekly meeting on August 29th to discuss South Pasadena Police Department's objectives and programs that are in place; noted crime rate remains low and commends the department for outstanding work.

Fire Chief Riddle thanked Dr. Stephen Sanko for sharing his comments and providing updates on the patient, noted that Fire Division Chief Zanteson was onsite assisting the HERT Team; stated that Fire Chief Zanteson will take over as the emergency manager and Sergeant Bartl remains the alternate for the City; informed that Fire Engineer Larkin is the first member of the Fire Department to get certified through the California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) and be eligible as a Fire Line Emergency Medical Paramedic (FEMP), to respond to and provide Advance Life Support (ALS) on the fire line at wildfires, noted his first deployment to the Orleans Complex Fire in Northern California; informed that Fire Captain Dunn, Fire Engineers Harris, Hill, and Porraz were deployed to the Burbank Fire to assist in water supply and water drops for helicopters; provided update on departments staffing, informed the promotion of a Division Chief, a Captain, an Engineer, and the addition of four new firefighter/paramedic, advised of a joint testing with the City of San Marino for a Shared Division Chief and an open recruitment for two more firefighter/paramedic to complete full staffing for the department; provided update on the meeting with Public Works Commission regarding Red Flag and the problematic pinch points in the hillside areas, stressed the challenges and difficulties to navigate the fire trucks and ambulance around parked vehicles up in the hills, limiting the FD's ability to respond quickly, considered suggestions including a traffic study during a ride-along with Deputy Public Works Director Casillas, indicated ride-along are still open to anyone who would like to observe the difficulties emergency personnel experience during calls.

In response to the Commissioners inquiries, there have been Red Flags issued in the Los Angeles County, and that the hillside south of Monterey Road and west of Meridian is defined as high fire risk area, emphasized not only on Red Flag days but also everyday emergencies-365 days 24/7, noted an incident where medical help was delayed for a baby not breathing because emergency vehicle could not pass and paramedics had to walk to the location with equipment in tow, noted another incident where an elderly patient with critical blood pressure dropping, the ambulance was stuck at one of the pinch points, decision was made to go over the curb and doing so damaged the ambulance, noted a traffic study will conclude exactly what has been presented for months and the seriousness of the matter.

In response to public comment and inquiries from Alan Ehrlich, South Pasadena resident, Police Chief Miller stated temporary restrictions on parking similar to the parking restrictions for filming companies and special events would not be helpful for the Fire Department since it involves everyday emergencies-365 days 24/7.

MOTION BY CHAIR DAIGLE, SECOND BY COMMISSION, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Form a subcommittee of two people to work with Fire Chief Riddle in regard to Red Flags and pinch points
2. Appoint Commissioner Daley and Commissioner Ettinger to the subcommittee

Amendment: City Attorney advised the Commission that it would be a violation of the Brown Act so no such committee was ever formed

8. PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR UPDATE – DETECTIVE RICHARD LEE

Police Detective Lee provided a list of events for the upcoming “South Pasadena Police and Fire Department Open House” along with the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses “Cruz’n for Roses Hot Rod and Classic Car Show”, being held on September 17th, noted that the theme for the event will focus on Emergency Preparedness, along with informational booths and safety demonstrations from both Police and Fire Department, there will also be helicopter landings and station tours throughout the event.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Reinoso stated that as a Block Captain he had hosted a number of Map Your Neighborhood trainings, including at his home with neighbors, developed a map of the neighborhood with contact information, names in the household and pets, and any additional information such as special needs in case of emergencies, religiously spoke to people about safety, awareness, and ways to prevent from being a victim; informed of a recent burglary on Stratford Avenue, noted the victim attended the meetings but did not take precautions, now is advocating and speaking out on her experiences.

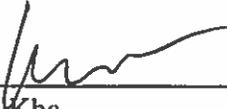
Commissioner Kung provided update; noted a well-beloved crossing guard had not been present due to health, noted the community would like to do something for her, informed that CERT flyer had been emailed and posted.

Chair Daigle commented on a recent WISSPA meeting with School Superintendent Yantz regarding immigration and DACA, noting positive discussions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
Chair