



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
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 10, 2018, 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, Jeremy Ding, Robert Ettinger, Grace Liu Kung, Luis Reinoso; Chair Ellen Daigle.

Absent: Commissioner: Vice-Chair Greg Hall.

Officials

Present: Interim Police Chief/Staff Liaison Brian Solinsky, 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.

Absent: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2018 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2018 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Fire Chief Riddle followed up with the Public Safety Commission's inquiry on cell phone coverage during a catastrophic power failure, noted that cell phone companies with cell towers that are equipped with a battery backup system or generators will continue to operate after a power outage for a certain amount of time; informed that Fire Engineer Larkin was deployed to the Delta Fire as a Fire Line Paramedic; informed that a new firefighter/paramedic joined the department today while another resigned; advised that the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Marino for the Sharing of Fire Department Command Staff (Division/Battalion Chief) will be presented to the City Council on September 19th, an agreement where resources and staffing are shared when there's a shortage; provided update on the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), noting construction will begin with emphasis on technology and communications, noting that phone lines and cables are currently being upgraded; noted that the City staff go through a drill on state wide power outage incident.

Interim Police Chief Solinsky provided update on a recent medical call to first responders, informed that the paramedics, police officers, and a Los Angeles County Clinician were on hand and assisted the individual, explained that after talking to the individual for an hour and half in seeking additional medical help due to her condition, she then produced a gun at the police officers, which lead to an officer involved shooting, informed that the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department and the Los Angeles County District Attorney have taken evidence including police body cameras and are conducting separate, independent investigations, urged everyone to not make judgment until the investigations are completed and the facts are presented.

Police Captain Neff confirmed his retirement on October 2, thanked everyone and the City of South Pasadena for his thirty-six years of service beginning in 1982 as a reserve officer, quoted, "I came in with a smile and walking out the door with a smile."

Police Sergeant Valencia gave introduction, joined the South Pasadena Police Department in 1992, worked in several positions including Patrol Watch Commander, Detective Sergeant, Acting Captain of Support Services, and is currently Acting Captain of Field Services and Sergeant of the Office of Professional Standards; discussed the current staffing in the department; explained the partnership with law enforcement agencies.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE CITY'S MASS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS (BLACKBOARD CONNECT/NIXLE)

Fire Chief Riddle discussed the importance of having a platform where information and updates can be sent out quickly to everyone before, during, and after an emergency/disaster, informed that Blackboard Connect or Connect South Pasadena is the City's mass emergency notification system handled by the Fire Department, noted that Nixle is an emergency public safety notification system handled by the Police Department, informed of Fire Division Chief Zanteson's meeting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department in getting the City of South Pasadena the ability to send Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which is a nation-wide emergency system handled by authorized national, state, and local government authorities, noted that with the hiring of a crisis communication consultant to help the City develop a Crisis Communication Management Plan the City will be well prepared in advance to react, communicate, and manage crises efficiently and effectively.

7. UPDATE ON THE SAFETY FAIR/OPEN HOUSE

Chair Daigle provided update, noted that the Public Safety Commission booth will provide information on emergency preparedness and encourage people to sign up for programs and alerts, noted the Neighborhood Watch booth will have Block Captains giving information and getting people to sign up, presented promotional items such as a whistle/flashlight keychain, magnets, information cards/flyers, and coloring books to be distributed.

Fire Chief Riddle urged the Commission to reach out and encourage people to sign up to the Blackboard Connect or Connect South Pasadena and Nixle to receive important messages and emergency updates by phone, text message, or email.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Reinoso provided update on the Map Your Neighborhood training with the Franciscan Woods complex, informed that the training will be held at the Garfield Park Youth House on October 24th and 28th, noting that two days were needed because of the large group of interests, provided electronic handouts, maps, and templates to help identify those with special needs in an emergency, it would also help Fire with updated information and locations especially for emergency medical calls or fire, will be present to lend support when needed.

Commissioner Ding provided update on an upcoming discussion on the Utility Users Tax (UUT), a local tax which helps maintain public safety staff at the current level and community programs and services vital to the quality of life here in the City of South Pasadena, noted that a committee of South Pasadena residents will host a discussion on UUT at the Eddie Park House on September 23rd at 3:30pm.

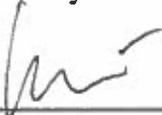
Commissioner Kung informed that school began on Thursday, August 16th, noting that parents reported not seeing crossing guards in their usual post; informed that the PTA general meeting will be held this Wednesday, as the PTA President recently attended several school meetings with discussions on emergency disaster, safety plan, mental health, and counseling services; noted that schools are gearing up to send messages out to vote no on Measure N, the repeal of the Utility Users Tax (UUT), stating the need to keep the funding for school crossing guards, a school resource officer, library hours, etc., will encourage parents to sign up for alerts.

Police Captain Neff confirmed that Police department received calls concerning crossing guards, informed that he had spoken to the supervisor and regional manager of the company and they are trying to resolve the issue quickly, noted that Interim Police Chief Solinsky is also meeting with them today.

9. ADJOURNMENT

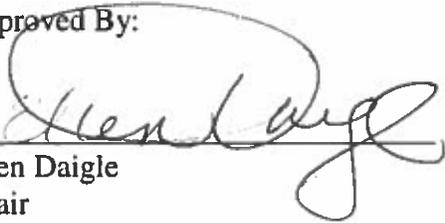
Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
Chair