



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 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, December 10, 2018, at 8:40 a.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

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

Officials

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud, 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.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2018 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2018 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. UPDATE OF POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT – UPDATE WILL BE PROVIDED BY STEPHANIE DEWOLFE, CITY MANAGER

City Manager DeWolfe discussed the police chief recruitment process, noting that the process is going well and on track for a decision in early 2019, informed that the City has hired recruitment firm, Teri Black & Company, to lead the recruitment process, involving extensive searching, advertising, and marketing, noted that the City hosted two community workshops and launched an online survey to gather public input on what they want to see in the next police chief, based on that input Terri Black and the City Manager will screen and interview potential candidates, explained that the final selection will involve two separate interviewing panels selected by the City Manager, an internal panel comprised of City staff and a professional panel comprised of law enforcement professionals, a list of finalists will then do a one-on-one interview with the City Manager, addressed the concerns of not having a community-based panel, explaining that there are confidentiality issues and the disadvantages experienced by other City Managers, responded to the Commissioners stating that the Public Safety Commission are community members and cannot be a part of the internal panel, encouraged recommendations for law enforcement members to be on the professional panel and any additional interview questions for candidates, noted that the recruitment process is in the best interest of the City and the best industry practice for police chief hiring.

Commissioners opined that not having a Public Safety Commissioner on an interviewing panel would be a major disadvantage because of their hard work in volunteering and community services along with monthly meetings with former and current police chiefs, members of the Public Safety Commission know and understands the needs of the community, expressed concerns with giving trust and “industry standard” practice involving closed interviews, requested to review contract/agreement, noted the Brown Act and urged transparency.

Councilmember Mahmud advised that both the community workshops and the online survey were helpful and would be utilized in the selection process, noted that many City positions that have been vacant did not receive input as much as the police chief position, commended City Manager DeWolfe on her excellent judgment and what she has done for the City so far and assured that there should be no concerns on the outcome of this recruitment process.

RECESS

The Public Safety Commission recessed at 9:26 a.m., and reconvened at 9:31 a.m., with all members present.

4. ADOPTION OF 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DING, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Adoption of 2019 Meeting Schedule.

Commissioner Daley reclused from the vote, noting the ending of his term on December 31, 2018.

5. DISCUSSION OF 2019 WORK PLAN

Fire Chief Riddle and Interim Police Chief Solinsky provided a draft of the 2019 Work Plan, noting that topics for discussions can be added during the year, urged Commissioners to review and make any suggestions for the work plan.

6. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mahmud informed that all Commission meetings will be held at the City Council Chambers and be recorded to ensure transparency for residents; noted concerns on Southern California Edison identifying high risk fire areas in residential where power could be shut off immediately, noted residents should be informed once report is finalized by SCE so that they are well prepare in advance.

7. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Interim Police Chief Solinsky provided the “Monthly Statistical Report” on crime stats, stated that overall crime rate remains low, reported that all cities experienced similar increase in break-ins and package theft according to the monthly meetings with Police Chiefs and Crime Analysts, responded to Councilmember Mahmud inquiries regarding the possibility of unreported crimes on social media particularly on Nextdoor, explained that City staff will notify Police Department when there’s a cause for concern on social media and a follow up will ensue; provided update on an officer and his participation in the Foothill Air Support Program (FAST), a partnership with cities in the San Gabriel Valley to provide helicopter air support, also included is the fly over with Santa Clause in the upcoming 13th Annual Christmas Toy Drive at the pediatric ward of Huntington Memorial Hospital; informed that the Police Department will also serve lunches for the South Pasadena Senior Center’s Annual Holiday and Christmas luncheon at the War Memorial Building; provided update on staffing, informed of two additional motor officers and two police officers pending completion of training; noted expanding Neighborhood Watch Program to unreached demographics, recently identified a large Korean population and hoping to establish contact.

Fire Chief Riddle provided update on the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), noting the completion of the technology and communications upgrade such as new phone lines, cables, internet, and a smart wall with state of the art audio, visual, and real time to ensure that the City can communicate during a disaster with surrounding agencies as well as relaying information to citizens, informed that the final phase will begin with the expansion of the EOC, where a large stand-alone tent will be erected onto the courtyard; informed of acquiring a new automated CPR device effective in delivering continuous compressions without interruptions to the unresponsive patient, the device is portable especially in tight, awkward areas and can easily be strapped around the patient’s entire chest avoiding bone fractures common in manual CPR, it has demonstrated a high success rate of saving lives and seen as a valuable tool for first responders; informed that a Captain and three firefighters were dispatched to the Hill Fire and the Woosley Fire, and all returned home safely.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Daley would like to see a yearly report of Police Department use of force once Investigations are completed.

Interim Police Chief Solinsky stated once investigations are complete and any litigations are cleared a report will be presented.

Commissioner Kung provided update on the recent pedestrian and vehicle accident by Monterey Hills Elementary during morning school rush hour, noted community concerns with request for more crossing guards, appreciated the presence of police officers following the incident; noted upcoming programs and performances before the winter break.

Commissioner Reinoso provided update on the Map Your Neighborhood training with the Franciscan Woods complex, informed that the training went very well and was well attended, reported that through word of mouth, residents of the San Pasqual Townhomes are interested in a similar training, noting a retired Caltech professor well known for his authority on emergency preparedness showed interest and will provide contact information.

Chair Daigle reported on a recent event about foster children and sex trafficking, suggested discussions with speakers from school board in providing update; suggested discussions on emergency preparedness and fire safety; stated that it is a pleasure to work with the Commission and thanked them for doing a great job, thanked City Manager DeWolfe in providing update to the police chief recruitment.

Commissioner Ding reported on his attendance at the "Coffee With a Cop", where it was nice to see Interim Police Chief Solinsky and Police Officers connecting with the community.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
Chair