

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, **September 24, 2015** @ 4:00
David Gebhard Room
630 Garden St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Laponis, Daniels and McSweeney-Zeitsoff (Excused absences for Christiansen and Torell.

Staff Present: Deputy Chief Frank Mannix, Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Assistant City Attorney John Doimas, Councilmember Gregg Hart, Sgt. Mike Brown, Derrick Bailey, Transportation Engineer and Secretary Barbara Sansone.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Daniels to approve the minutes of August 27, 2015

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

None.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Acting Chair Laponis stated that he attended the City sponsored Advisory Committee Luncheon.

Acting Chair Laponis spoke to a request from Chair Christensen, asking the Commissioners to allow the Fire Chief and Police Chief's reports to be given without interruption, saving their questions until the end of their presentations. This was agreed upon by the Commissioners.

Acting Chair Laponis requested that Item 9, Continuation of Presentation on Fire & Police Commission's Powers and Duties be continued until the next meeting so that all Commissioners would be present. This was agreed upon by the Commissioners.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Zeitsoff requested a more in depth report on the health and safety of the police department building. Wants to know options for funding the approximate \$80 million dollar cost for a new building and how to get funding. Commissioner Daniels requested historical information that's been done over the years be sent via email for the Commissioners to review before the next meeting. DC Mannix said there are prior studies and reports that have been done over the last 20 years.

Councilmember Hart said that there have been previous efforts to go to the voters to get taxes raised to pay for the building, however, the 2/3rd support that was needed was not achieved. This is an

ongoing problem since the new building would cost between \$60 and \$80 million dollars and there is no funding in the City's budget.

DC Mannix stated that the police department does get a facilities maintenance budget yearly. The building just had a \$2 million dollar upgrade to the HVAC system and a lobby remodel a few years ago.

Commissioner Daniels requested an additional meeting to discuss statistical information provided by both departments. A discussion followed about having a special meeting in addition to the other regularly scheduled meetings. Councilmember Hart and Chief McElroy both stated that these regularly scheduled meetings are the time to have discussions on any other issues. Chief Mannix suggested that Commissioner Daniels, or any Commissioner call him to request a one on one meeting to discuss any issues or questions the Commissioners might have and then he or she could report back to the other Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting.

6. Briefing on Calle Palo Colorado Intersection

Sgt. Brown and Engineer Derrick Bailey from Public Works briefed the Commissioners on this issue and the following points were discussed after a handout was given to the Commissioners:

- Crosswalk improvements at the intersection of State St. and Calle Palo Colorado
- High pedestrian collision intersection, #2 in the City, #1 is Carrillo and De La Vina
- Crosswalk is so wide it is difficult for motorists to see a pedestrian crossing the road
- Engineering fix is expensive
- The department received a Traffic Safety Grant to redesign this intersection and it will be done this fall or early next year.
- Design features to include a curb extension along south side of street; median refuge island in center of road; pedestrian activated flashing lights
- Grateful to CalTrans for this grant
- 5 intersections treated as part of this project; Overall project cost \$500 to \$600 thousand dollars

7. Fire Chief's Report

Chief McElroy presented the Fire Chief's report.

- 726 Responses
- Chief McElroy reviewed the responses and incidents/handouts given to Commissioners
- Station #1 busiest station (Carrillo St.)
- Station #8 lowest(Airport)
- Rescue and EMS largest call load; just under 500
- False Alarms, 30 per month
- 6-12 firefighters out of town on fires; this amounts to thousands of hours
- Welcome 10 new rookies who completed Academy
- 9400 hours of injury (all but 2 back at work)
- Kevin Corbett returned to duty after his cancer treatment
- Engineer's test coming up end of October/Captain's test in January
- Traffic accident involving one of the department's Battalion Chief's; tire delaminated
- Fire vehicles owned by Public Works/they purchase, maintain and service them
- New fire training props at tower

Questions and answers from the Commissioners followed. Laponis requested Fire and Police subcommittees be assigned at the next meeting. This is done every year after the election but was not done this year.

8. Police Chief's Report (to include Financial Status and Police Station Health & Safety Violations (OSHA))

Deputy Chief Mannix presented the Fire Chief's report. DC Mannix handed out the CompStat Executive Summary to Commissioners:

- Reviewed CompStat summary
 - Response times slightly up/call volume higher
 - Part 1 crimes; rapes up; aggravated assaults up; residential burglaries up/suspect arrested responsible for many of these burglary cases; grand theft auto up; increase in shoplifting
 - Traffic accidents up; bicycle accidents up
 - 196 traffic cites. This number is down due to vacancies in the motor unit
 - Increase in Meth use/drug use up

Question and answers from the Commissioners followed. Zeitsoff asked for a breakdown on ages of domestic violence victims. DC Mannix said this is not typically done due to staff time. Zeitsoff asked how to find out the ages of the suspects committing crimes/minors or adults. DC Mannix stated that this information is unavailable because there is no standardized report for this. Department is not required by law to make a standardized report when a member of the public is interested in this breakdown. If a public records request was made for these figures it would be denied. YSS is knowledgeable about the number of youths committing crime

- Budget Report:
 - DC handed out a Chart and Analysis budget chart for FY 16 first quarter
 - Support services are 7% above year to date value, not an issue
 - 64% spent out of Special Events due to Fiesta and 4th of July/overtime funded out of this account
 - 22.9% spent compared to 23% - right on target at the quarter mark
- OSHA Concerns:
 - Department cited and a summary was handed out to Commissioners
 - Lead Levels in the range/Inspector impressed with the cleanliness of the range
 - Housekeeping issues/building contains asbestos in the popcorn ceilings/no complaints or health issues
 - Paint contains lead
 - Mold in tiles
 - Long history of air sampling within the department and all reports state there is no history of contaminated air in the building

Question and answers followed about replacing the police department building.

9. Powers and Duties of the Fire & Police Commission (Continued to next meeting)

10. ADJORN: 5:39 PM