

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, **February 25, 2016** @ 4:00
David Gebhard Room
630 Garden St.

REGULAR MEETING

Present: Commissioners: Christensen, Daniel, Laponis, Torell, and Zeitsoff

Staff Present: Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Interim Police Chief John Crombach,
Lt. Todd Stoney, Police Business Manager Lori Pedersen, Councilmember
Greg Hart, City Administrator Paul Casey, and Secretary Rosie Calvillo

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2016

MOTION: Daniel to approve minutes of January 28, 2016. Laponis seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

3. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)

None

4. Old Business: Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, refer to staff for factual information or make brief reports or announcements.

Zeitsoff requested a follow up report on the Human Trafficking Task Force to be included as part of a future Police Chief's report.

Daniel requested an explanation on what services caseload statistics cover.

5. New Business: Commissioners may request to agendize a matter of business for a future meeting.

Zeitsoff requested a joint report from Fire and Police on training and collaboration of multiple agencies on active shooter and counter terrorism coordination.

Daniel requested a report on how the Police investigate school related internet threats.

Laponis asked for information on any issues the Police have with the Bicycle Master Plan.

The commission requested to revisit Sub Committee appointments due to new roles per Item #11.

6. Request from the Fire & Police Commission at the January 28, 2016 meeting for City Administrator Paul Casey to Appear and provide information at the February 25th meeting on progress of obtaining a new Santa Barbara Police Department headquarters building

Casey provided a handout on the history of the Police building.

- Insufficient in size for current staff numbers
- 1999 bond effort to raise funds needed for new building. Vote failed.
- Subsequently leased additional building, remodeled lobby and other areas.

- 2008 infrastructure task force Id replace of building as top priority
- 2011 Council subcommittee looked at options to remodel, replace or locate to new site, and recommended building be replaced. RDA \$20 million set aside, but was then the RDA was eliminated.
- 2014 seismic safety issues uncovered. 911 call center/dispatch moved.
- Continue to remodel areas of the infrastructure.
- Will need additional revenue to build a new building.

2015 Infrastructure survey and voter opinion poll information can be found here:

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/cityhall/infrastructure/default.asp>

Laponis inquired on the possibility of amending the 2/3 vote required to pass a special tax, to improve chances of a bond passing. That would require a change in law so it would be unlikely.

Post RDA financing has been examined.

7. Request from the Fire & Police Commission at the January 28, 2016 meeting for City Administrator Paul Casey to appear and provide information at the February 25th meeting on the current status of the Police Chief recruitment

John Crombach is the new Interim Police Chief. He is the retire Police Chief of the City of Oxnard. He will be on board for 4-6 months while the recruitment is underway. Casey gave an overview of the recruitment process and methods. The application period closes on April 8, 2016. After a series of interviews, Casey will meet with the Fire and Police Commissioners in a closed session when a final candidate selection has been made.

MOTION: Zeitsoff to accept receipt of the City Administrator's reports on the status of the Police Department building and Police Chief recruitment. Laponis seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

8. Request from the Fire & Police Commission at the January 28, 2016 meeting for the police department to provide an update on the funding efforts for the Police Memorial Statue

9. Police Chief's Report

Captain Todd Stoney.

In response to Commissioner Zeitsoff's early inquiry, the entire department will be receiving active Shooter training in Lompoc in March and April. Fire is invited and will be participating. Christensen inquired about the past San Bernardino recommendation for the public to 'fight first' in response to a terror incident. Stoney will need to research and get back to the commission. McElroy added that all fire and law enforcement agencies are working together and developing policies.

In response to Commissioner Laponis' inquiry about the Bicycle Master plan, all City recommendations are filtered thru the Police Department Traffic Division.

The accelerated hiring program status was overviewed.

The Patrol Division staffing numbers were presented. 23 of 76 officer and sergeant positions are down due to injuries or vacancies. Overtime burnout is closely watched. A new patrol schedule with a combination of 10 and 12 hour shifts has been implemented.

Investigations: Recent narcotics arrest in possession of 10 lbs of meth. Recent trials for 2 gang related homicides.

Laponis inquired about the recent car chase situation and whether there are protocols in place. Stoney replied there are very specific protocols and the safety of the community is the first priority.

10. Annual Police Department Budget Planning

Lori Pedersen presented information on the Fiscal Year budget for 2017.

MOTION: Daniel to receive Police Department's Budget Planning Report. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

In response to the earlier Police Department Memorial Statue fundraising efforts, Stoney provided that a "GoFundMe" account has been set up to collect donations; that recent retirees Chief Sanchez and Captain Torres have agreed to continue to oversee the project. Any interest can be directed to Sgt. Riley Harwood.

11. Annual Fire Department Budget Planning

Item continued until the next meeting.

12. Fire Chief's Report

A handout was provided on recent call statistics. Recently it was discovered that our average response time data is off by about 1 minute, but still well within NFPA standards. More information to follow.

Significant calls

- Feb. 2 Riviera Theatre smoke investigation from faulty electrical equipment.
- Feb. 8 Plane crash. Pilot had minor injuries. Crews helped with cleanup and investigation.
- Douglas Family Preserve dog rescues.

McElroy attended a presentation the impacts of the Affordable Care Act on EMS delivery. This relates to the county's ambulance contract renewal.

Continuing to address the issue of 911 calls from cell phones not being routed correctly. Two bills are currently proposed in the State legislature.

Reverse 911 is now called "Aware and Prepare".

Request for proposal to redesign Station 7 as a joint station along with US Forest Service.

25th year of the Fire Safety House program, where each year we visit 3rd grade students to teach them about fire safety.

Female firefighter recruitment outreach with UCSB athletes.

After inquiry from Daniel regarding the placement of a fence on the Douglas Family Preserve property, McElroy will research and follow up at the next meeting.

13. Appointments of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Christensen to nominate Laponis as Chair of the Fire and Police Commission. Torell seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: Zeitsoff to nominate Torell as Vice Chair of the Fire and Police Commission. Laponis seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

14. Adjourn 5:37 PM