

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, **October 22, 2015** @ 4:00
David Gebhard Room
630 Garden St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Christensen, Daniel, and McSweeney-Zeitsoff

Staff Present: Deputy Police Chief Frank Mannix, Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Police Captain Gil Torres, Deputy City Attorney John Doimas, and Acting Secretary Carol Lupo

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Daniels to approve minutes of **September 24, 2015**. McSweeney-Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

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.

Change in agenda – Item #7, Amisadais Tow Permit Application – At the applicant's request, the item is being continued until the next meeting. Due to a time restriction, some items were continued to the next meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Continued until the next meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Continued until the next meeting.

6. APPOINT FIRE AND POLICE SUBCOMMITTEES

Continued until the next meeting.

7. Amisadais Tow Permit Application

Continued until the next meeting

8. Fire Chief's Report – El Niño Preparedness

Fire and Public Works gave a presentation to City Council on Oct. 6 detailing the expected El Niño weather pattern and possible effects. All City Departments are working together to prepare. Office of Emergency Services held a Tabletop Exercise with City employees and managers on Oct. 14 based on a flood scenario, to review and discuss response strategies and plans.

According to the National Weather Service there is a 95% chance of El Niño (increased rainfall) this season 2015-16, historically January – March. But it could also be dry. In the event of increased rain, it will still not be enough to end the drought affects over the past 4 years. The Harbor and Airport locations have unique impacts. To assist residents with preparation the City held a sandbag giveaway event on Oct. 17.

Other locations of concern that were discussed were Sycamore Creek, the public housing project at Punta Gorda St., and the bridge project at State and Cabrillo Blvd.

9. Police Chief's Report – Gun Seizure Policy

CompStat report data – Priority 1 response times are trending up a bit above the 5 year average, but still within our 7 minute goal. Priority 2, 3, 4 responses are also higher. Contributing factors may be increased call volume 8% higher from this time last year, and field staffing impacts.

Crime data - Instances of rape are well above the 5 year average. Many can be attributable to “date rape” situations, and the suspect being known to the victim.

Commercial burglaries (break-ins) were up last month, but are down again this month.

Traffic Accidents are higher – To reduce – “Education, Engineer & Enforcement”. Increases seem to be a national trend. Suspected cause is distracted driving.

Staffing – 96.5% hired. 143 officers allotted, 140 are hired. 7 officers are leaving/retiring. Swore in 5 new officers; 6 are starting academy next week. They are interviewing for next academy now.

Weapons Seizure of at Risk Persons (mentally ill) – If contact is made with person who is mentally at risk, they will seize weapons and give them a notice of rights. Officer report it to the District Attorney, who within 30 days to initiate proceedings to forfeit of weapons. Weapons located in plain sight are seized, via a warrant or consent. Laws are very specific regarding seizure. There is a low occurrence of gun seizures.

10. Briefing on Police Department Building Health and Safety; Historical Information on Previous attempts to Secure a new Building; Possible Funding Options and location for a New Building

Captain Gil Torres administrative services manager provided a copy of the 2010 seismic study of the building.

Background:

1959 - The station was built for a staff of 97 employees.

1985 - Needs assessment was done. A new building would cost \$11 million.

1999 - Bond was written to fund \$36.50 million cost for Police and Fire buildings. Vote did not pass.

2000 – Leased 222 E. Anapamu St. for additional space, known as the Annex.

2007 - \$800,000 Council set aside for a remodel of workout room. Cost grew to \$8 million after improvement to HVAC, ADA compliance and other issues were discovered. To add additional space, a third floor was looked into, but found seismic deficiencies which would not support it. RDA funds were set aside to do a conceptual design with a cost of \$70 million for a new building. Also looked at several different locations. They were not feasible for various reasons. The best location is the current location with added subterranean parking.

2011 - Some RDA funds (\$20 million) were set aside, and Council was going to fund balance with a bond

2012 - RDA eliminated. Some funding was available for the 911 call center relocation.

2015 - Spent 2 million for new HVAC, and cosmetic items. All hazmat items cleared out.

11. CONTINUATION OF PRESENTATION ON FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION'S POWERS AND DUTIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 816 OF THE CITY CHARTER BY DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN DOIMAS

Continued until the next meeting

12. ADJORN: 4:55 PM