CITY OF SANTA BARBARA FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, **April 28, 2016** @ 4:00 Murphy Room, Police Department 215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

Present: Commissioners: Laponis, Torell, and Zeitsoff

Staff Present: Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Interim Police Chief John Crombach,

Captain Todd Stoney, Sergeant Bryan Jensen, Councilmember Greg Hart, City Attorney John Doimas, and Secretaries Rosie

Calvillo and Carol Lupo

1. Call to Order

2. Changes to the Agenda

Items 12, 13 & 14 from the Fire Chief to be moved earlier in the agenda after Item #4: Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2016

MOTION: Torell to approve minutes of February 25, 2016. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

4. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)

None

5. Annual Fire Department Budget Planning

Postponed until next meeting.

6. Fire Chief's Report

- UCSB Bren School of Environmental Design has completed an evaluation of the Wildland Fire Benefit Assessment District planning, and compared to other communities
- An architect has been selected for preliminary drawings for rebuilding of Station
 7 as a combined station with the U.S. Forest Service.
- Recent wind events last couple of weeks with wires down and power surges.
- April 9: 2600 block of State St. structure fire. Smoking related.
- April 10: Laguna St. carport fire. Still under investigation.
- Call Stats: 849 incidents from March 24 to April 27.
- High Fire season will be declared soon (Update: High Fire Season was declared on May 9, 2016).

7. Receive a report from the Fire Chief regarding the need for 911 Routing Changes & consider sending a letter of support to appropriate decision makers

- 9-11 system began in California in 1973.
- E911 was then developed whereby a dispatcher could see the address you were calling from.
- The first mobile phones came out in the late 1970's, and were generally in cars.
 A decision was made that 9-1-1 calls from mobile phones should be sent to the CHP.
- Currently 250 million 9-1-1 calls are made in the U.S. every year. California has the largest 9-1-1 system with 25 million calls made in California, of which 20 million are made from cell phones.
- If the cone direction of a cell tower touches Hwy. 101, those calls are sent to the CHP.
- As an example, on the cell tower located in the Harbor, 2 of the cone directions (one toward the Mesa including SBCC, and one towards Cabrillo Blvd. including the hotel areas) touch Hwy. 101, so all the 9-1-1 cell phone calls in those areas go to the CHP.
- AB1564 (9-1-1 Emergency Response Wireless Routing Optimization) is in the State Assembly now to allow us to have a greater role in how the call routing is done.

MOTION: Zeitsoff that the Santa Barbara Fire and Police Commission endorse assembly bill AB 1564. Torell seconded.

The commission discussed writing a press release announcing their support of the bill. Zeitsoff also suggested announcing support at a City Council meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

McElroy commented on Fire Department bullet proof vests relating to active shooter incidents. The department has had one vest for all daily staff since the Los Angeles riots.

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

For the next agenda, Zeitsoff would like a representative from the District Attorney's office to give a presentation on the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force. Zeitsoff will arrange.

Zeitsoff would also like an update from Paul Casey on new fiscal budget for a new Police building. Councilmember Hart responded that no funding is in the next fiscal year budget for the Police building. There is a need for City Council to help package a fee/tax increase to fund the construction of a new police building.

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

Zeitsoff suggested having firefighters and officers who have been honored with community awards to attend meetings. City Attorney Doimas suggested commissioners could agendize a future item to honor members of the Fire and/or Police departments.

10. Revisit the selection of the Commissioners that will serve on the subcommittees for the Fire and Police departments because of new chair and vice chair appointments.

Laponis explained that he is currently on both the Fire and Police subcommittees and was recently elected as the commission Chair. He wanted to know if another commissioner was interested in taking his place to serve on the Police subcommittee. Torell stated he was interested.

MOTION: Laponis to select Torell as the commission Police Department liaison. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

11. Selecting the Fire and Police Commissioners that will serve on the interview panel for the position of the Chief of Police for Santa Barbara.

MOTION: Laponis that the two Police Department liaisons serve on the interview panel for the position of the Chief of Police for Santa Barbara. Torell seconded. **VOTE:** Unanimous voice vote.

Commissioners Zeitsoff and Torell will serve on the interview panel for the position of Police Chief.

12. Private Patrol Application for Protective Partners & Associates

Captain Stoney referred to the memorandum in the commission packet from Holly Perea, former Police Technician. The Police Department recommends approval of the registration for Protective Partners & Associates as private patrol operators.

MOTION: Torell to uphold the Police Department's recommendation to approve the application of Protective partners & Associates. Laponis seconded for discussion.

Zeitsoff inquired about background checks that are conducted for business' employees, and explanation of the uniform color. Captain Stoney explained the color will be a light blue, very different from the color the police wear. He further explained that how the business conducts their background checks is part of the registration materials presented, and they met the standard.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

13. Receive a report from the Fire and Police departments on training and collaboration of multiple agencies on active shooter and counter terrorism coordination.

Chief Crombach relayed that specific tactics will not be discussed.

Captain Stoney:

- March 16 April 20 police officers attended 10 hours of active shooter training.
- The Santa Barbara SWAT team and the Sheriff's office SWAT train once a year as well.
- Santa Barbara SWAT train twice a month incorporating active shooter incidents.
- Standard operating procedure in an active shooter incident is that fire and ambulance units respond and are staged outside the scenario until the area is safe.
- May 10 is a unified response training for county, city police and fire departments.
- Chief Crombach relayed that the SWAT team is currently working with Paseo Nuevo mall to plan for an emergency.

Laponis asked about planning for an incident at the harbor. Captain Stoney answered that Harbor Patrol is their own entity but the Police Department does work closely with them.

Zeitsoff inquired if the police share ideas with other outside police agencies. Captain Stoney answered yes.

14. Receive a report on how the Police investigate school related internet threats, and law enforcement recommended methods for the public to defend themselves in a terror incident.

Bryan Jensen, Sergeant, oversees the youth services section of the Police Department:

- There is a School Resource Officer.
- Schools do teach "If you see something, say something."
- Cases fall into two categories known individual subjects, and unknown subjects.
 He provided examples of each type. Unknown subjects are more common with apps that have elements of anonymity in them. Some app companies do relay dangerous situations to authorities, and are able to supply GIS coordinates to them.
- There are internet based investigations once every month or two.
- Three applicable penal codes: Terrorist threats, Annoying phone calls, and Cyber bulling section (misdemeanor).
- Don not see a lot of arrests but work is done on the incidents, and they follow up on the welfare of those involved.
- They work closely with all the schools, even out of the city, due to interactions with other school students.

15. Police Chief's Report

Hiring highlights:

- 4 cadets have now graduated and are in field training.
- 9 cadets have started and will graduate in October.
- Lateral applicants are being interviewed.
- Interviewing for candidates to attend Allan Hancock College's academy.
- There are 16 vacancies. With the 9 cadets, 7 vacancies remain.
- Anticipating being back close to normal staffing levels by end of 1st quarter of 2017.
- The first selection of applicants for Police Chief are being interviewed.
- Police and Fire now share operational oversight of Communication Center. They are also revisiting hiring a civilian dispatch manager.

Zeitsoff gave accolades on the crosswalk enforcement efforts. Laponis read about police making contact with bar customers regarding DUI enforcement. Captain Stoney relayed they are trying a new convention. With the permission of bar managers, they will make contact with customers and provide information.

16. Follow up report on the Human Trafficking Task Force

Postponed to next meeting.

17. Adjourn 5:15 PM

MOTION: Laponis to adjourn the meeting. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.