

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, **May 26, 2016** @ 4:00
David Gebhard Room

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present: Fire Division Chief Pat McElroy, Police Deputy Chief Frank Mannix, Deputy City Attorney John Doimas, Councilmember Greg Hart, and Secretaries Rosie Calvillo and Carol Lupo

2. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2016

MOTION: Laponis to approve minutes of April 28, 2016, Zeitsoff 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.

Laponis asked that if a commissioner is not in attendance at the previous meeting, can they vote or do they abstain from approving the minutes. Doimas answered they can't vote - they had to be present at the previous meeting.

Laponis requested that in the future if there is something that comes up between meetings that is going to present an issue to the commission and/or something that we have decided upon that now can't occur for whatever good reason that the Chair be notified as soon as practical. Specific issue is the commission liaison to the Police Chief selection process. We had 2 commissioners, one couldn't make it for a very good reason. He would have appreciated to have been notified and he would have personally helped or found someone to help. The Chair should have been notified which is the proper protocol.

Daniel suggested that the form of communication should also be a phone call in case someone doesn't check their email.

Daniel attended the City Council meeting where Fire and Police presented their upcoming budget for FY17.

Zeitsoff attended the selection panel and interview for the next Police Chief on May 12, 2016.

5. New Business:

None

6. Joyce Dudley, District Attorney and Megan Riker-Rheinchild, Victim Witness Program Director Report

Joyce Dudley and Megan Riker-Rheinchild gave a presentation on Human Trafficking to the commission. Most of the cases involve sexual exploitation and prostitution. Megan reported that per capita the incidents of child exploitation are coming out of Lompoc. Megan credited the SBPD detectives on how they are doing the best work possible being understaffed with few resources to stop Human Trafficking. Deputy Chief Mannix believes frequency varies by community to community. Santa Barbara has had very few cases and we try to be very sensitive but we just haven't found a lot of evidence that it's happening here. It is difficult to measure because it's so under reported.

7. Fire Chief's Report

- Chief McElroy presented to Council the 2 year budget.
- There are 105 full-time employees, currently fully staffed, 7 programs and 3 funds.
- 754 calls, very little fire loss, under \$5,000, rescue and emergencies accounted for 50% of the calls.
- 10 Firefighters hired last summer will complete probation in July 2016
- Retention has been very good because we became very competitive in the salary market.
- Fire is funded 98% by the General Fund, Fire Equipment Fund is 1% and Wildland Suppression Fund are fees generated by the people in the high fire district areas and is part of their property taxes and was voted by the people in that area.
- American Medical Response ambulance contract is due to expire 12-31-17, County Fire Chief's will recommend that it be extended 18 months. They are in the process of looking at what role the Fire departments will play in the future of our ambulance service.
- A consultant by the name of AP Triton was hired and is looking at our contract to see how we can reduce the cost of ambulance service.
- Mobile data computers are being updated and this is being managed by Dennis Diaz, IT Manager for the SBPD.
- All fire stations have been replaced or remodeled except for station 7. One of the problems with station 7 is that it's not a fire resistant building. Funding for this will be proposed to the Feds.
- Most of our time has been getting ready for wildfire season. The department has provided training for all personnel.
- The department hosted the Unified Response to Violent Incidents training and it was very successful.
- AB 1564 (9-1-1 Emergency Response – Wireless Routing Optimization) has moved on through the assembly on consent. There has been no opposition and is gathering more and more support. It is now going to the State Senate.

Zeitsoff asked how Council responded to the Fire Budget, Chief McElroy responded that Council was very pleased.

8. Police Chief's Report

- Response times have come down, we have exceeded our targeted goals.
- The month of April priority 1 calls for service with a 7 minute goal, was 5.8, priority 2 calls were a goal of 7.5, was 6.4, priority 3 calls were a goal of 41, was 31, priority 4 calls were a goal of 50, was 47.
Laponis asked what attributed to the significant reduction. Deputy Chief Mannix said that although we are in a staffing challenge we have maintained our team strength to 40 or 50 officers, which helps the response time.
- Specialty units are still in need of being fully staffed, Motors are at 50%, Detectives are below staffing, two officers have been moved to the Detective unit.
- 9 officers started the academy, we lost 1 and 8 will be graduating.
- 1 lateral was hired from Kern County and there are laterals from other agencies that are looking at us and some laterals from Oxnard PD.

- The 4 cadets that graduated from the Academy finished their POST academy and started their field training.
- We have two academies available to us: the Ventura County Sheriff and Allan Hancock academies so we will be able to stagger the graduations.

Zeitsoff asked if there are more transient related reports. Deputy Chief Mannix answered that we went from 556 in March to 621 in April, in transient related cases. We see seasonal fluctuation with transients.

9. Adjourn 5:49PM

MOTION: Laponis to adjourn the meeting. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.