

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, July 28, 2016 @ 4:00
Police Department
Murphy Room

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Daniel, Torell, and Zeitsoff

Staff Present: Police Chief Lori Luhnaw, Fire Chief Pat McElroy, City Administrator Paul Casey, Deputy City Attorney John Doimas, Councilmember Gregg Hart, Sergeant Shawn Hill, and Police Technician Liz Scott

AGENDA CHANGE:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR PAUL CASEY INTRODUCED CHIEF LORI LUHNOW. TORELL MOTIONED TO MOVE ITEM #10 AND ITEM #11, UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

2. Introduction of Chief Lori Luhnaw

City Administrator Paul Casey, introduced Chief Lori Luhnaw to the Commission. He informed them that the City conducted a national recruitment and she was the top choice.

Chief Luhnaw commented about what an incredible Police department we have and is very happy to be a part of the organization. She is looking forward to working with the department.

Zeitsoff had some concerns she wanted to bring to the Chief's attention, a new Police station, solution for the homeless to alleviate Fire & Police department stress, over concentration of liquor licenses, strict enforcement of DUI's, human trafficking education for the community and hotels, focus on recruiting and promoting more females, and training for the police department on inherit bias, excessive force, active shooter and any training that will keep us up to standard before we have a terrible tragedy.

Daniel would like to start receiving the compstat report. Also, she would like the Police department website to be updated to become gender appropriate.

3. Police Chief's Report

- Current staffing is 212 total employees, 69 civilian and 143 sworn.
- 8 officers are in the Ventura Academy, they are in week 14, graduating October 7, 2016.
- There are 12 vacant Police Officer positions in the final stages of the background process for the October 28, 2016 academy.
- 2 lateral officers and 1 Police academy graduate are in the background process.
- 76 background investigations were conducted from January thru June 2016.
- We have 5 current Community Services Officers and 1 Community Services Officer position in background, 7 other active backgrounds for Parking Enforcement Officer's and Records.

- Call volume for Patrol remains at a historic level. As of June 2016, we had 4002 calls for service and our 5 year average is 3209. We are managing those, the rates of response is still at where it was and has been for the last 5 years.
- Fiesta is coming up, that will require our entire staff to be assigned to manage the event and our allied agencies well.

4. Fire Chief's Report

- June 23, 2016 to the day of the last meeting we have had 801 incidents.
- Station 1 downtown Carrillo is the busier station with 2 companies, 255 calls total, then it is Engine 2 on the lower eastside and then the north part of town with engine 4 and 5.
- Airport is our slower station with low frequency high risk situations, we had 5 aircraft calls in the last 30 days.
- Medical and rescue remain the highest priority.
- There have been 15 fires, the wildland fires have been clearly significant and responses have been primarily out of the area. Starting with the Sherpa fire, Deer fire in Tehachapi and the Mission fire in the scar of the Jesusita.
- July, August, September thru October 2016, Southern California remains to be the worst part of the country. As the year wears on we will stay as a high fire area until there is significant rain through the end of the year.
- The Fire department is fully staffed and 3 engines are out at the Big Sur fire.

Torell inquired as to the status of the desalination plant. Paul Casey said it is under construction and will be operational in January 2017.

5. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2016

MOTION: Torell to approve minutes of June 23, 2016. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

6. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)

Tamara Erickson hotel owner on the corner of State and Cota is concerned about the concentration of night life and night time enforcement. Would like for the number of patrons to be looked at before approving dance permits. Ms. Erickson has concerns about noise and mayhem on that block.

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

Torell did not agree on the reimbursement of Love's towing to Holly Perea in regards to her appeal for her car being towed from a private property.

Daniell requested a follow-up on the signage that was discussed on Ms. Perea's appeal.

Doimas clarified that he sent an email but will send a formal memo on the parking lot signage.

Zeitsoff brought up that after a lot of commission time to both parties, Ms. Perea mentioned that Love's Towing had offered to reimburse her the full amount. Christensen moved on after hearing that Ms. Perea would be paid in full. Zeitsoff questioned on why there was not a mediation. Doimas explained the 2 ways an appeal is handled.

8. New Business:

None.

9. Dance Permit for The Red Piano

Torell would like to follow the Police department's recommendation and approve the dance permit.

Daniel reviewed the City required form and all the different inspections have been met and moves to approve the dance permit.

Zeitsoff feels the municipal code from 2008 needs to be reviewed, and the possibility of adding it on a future agenda to review the security issues in particular. Zeitsoff motions to not pass the dance permit.

MOTION: Torrel to approve the dance permit for The Red Piano, Daniel seconded.

VOTE: Majority voice vote (Noes: Commissioner Zeitsoff)

10. Adjourn 4:47 PM