

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, **February 23, 2017** @ 4:00
EOC/Classroom, Fire Department

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Daniel, Laponis, Torell and Zeitsoff

Staff Present: Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Police Chief Lori Luhnnow, Deputy City Attorney John Doimas, Councilmember Greg Hart (4:25 PM), Tow Compliance Officer Ethan Ragsdale, PD Captain Todd Stoney, Police Business Office Manager Lori Pedersen, and Secretary Carol Lupo

2. Changes to the Agenda

Error on Agenda Item #3 – Correction to Date - Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2017.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2017

MOTION: Torell to approve minutes of January 26, 2017. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

4. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)

None.

5. Subcommittee Reports

None

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

Daniel commented on the outstanding performance by the Fire, Police and Tow Operators during the recent severe weather events.

7. New Business:

Laponis would like to discuss and adopt the Commission's priorities for the rest of the year. Also to receive a report on the Fire and Police Depts. Capital Improvement Projects.

8. Annual Compliance Review of the Tow Operators That are Part of the Santa Barbara Police Department Tow Rotation List

Officer Ragsdale stated that all 7 towing companies passed their 2016 compliance inspections. The goals for year include joint inspections with the CHP; and conducting random in-field inspections during responses. The City will be conducting a comparative fee study with other cities and agencies, and plan to report back by the July meeting. They also solicited a fee survey from the tow companies, but not all of them have responded.

Daniel commented about a prior agenda item involving a discrepancy in a company operating in Santa Barbara, but having their office in Goleta. Carol Lupo to research.

MOTION: Torell to accept the Annual Compliance Review of Tow Operators. Daniel seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

9. A Presentation from Liliana Encinas, Fire Public Education Assistant on Disaster Preparedness for the Under-served Communities, Particularly Spanish Speaking

Liliana Encinas, Public Education Assistant/Coordinator for the Fire Department gave an overview of her position and duties:

- Bilingual Training
 - Extinguishers
 - CERT
 - Listos – Community emergency preparedness for the underserved populations
 - Community disaster education
 - Hands-Only CPR
 - Evacuation drills
 - Special Events, Expos, fairs, parades etc.

- Fire Safety House
- Volunteers
- School visits
- Car Seat Program
- New City employee orientations
- Spanish media PIO liaison

Daniel proposed a Commission recommendation that funding be found to hire Liliana Encinas full time.

McElroy responded that funding has been a priority for the last few years, but budget challenges have prohibited the approval.

Liliana presented some preparedness materials to the Commission.

10. Monthly Fire Chief's Report (including Budget)

- 267 calls related to the past weekend's storms. Up-staffed with 1 Engine, 3 Patrols, and a Battalion Chief. Mudslides, trees down, and wires down. Water Rescue Team deployed at Hendry's beach. Public Works opened a Department Operating Center (DOC), but the citywide Emergency Operating Center (EOC) was not activated. Coordination between departments was successful.
- 3 Structure fires
- Ward Drive (Goleta) Auto Aid response with Santa Barbara County Fire.

Budget:

- Shared proposed budget with City Administrator last week
- Dept. has 105 full time positions
- Airport station is funded by the Airport department
- \$26.7 million budget overall
- \$4.7 million in revenues for FY 2017
- Proposing a 3% inspection fee increase
- Upgrades to the Mobile Data Computers
- Paper files to be digitized
- Replace the Engine at Station 3.

11. Monthly Police Chief's Report (including Budget)

- Public Engagement Manager hired. – Will oversee impacts of recreational marijuana among other duties.
- Off sale alcohol new ordinance for new businesses; tied into land use ordinance.
- Approx. 2 months away from statistical Crime View software.

Stats presented by Captain Stoney:

- Priority 1 calls at 6:10 minutes
- Priority 2, 3, 4 are up over the previous 5 year average.
- New hires will lower response times.
- No statistical trends in crimes
- Heroin arrests are up

Budget:

An overview of the Police Dept. budget was presented by Lori Pederson, Police Business Office Manager.

- 87% of budget account for salaries.
- Leaves about \$3 million for supplies and equipment. A 2% cut is about \$800,000. Significant programs could be at risk.
- The department structure has been re-organized. The Deputy Police Chief position was reclassified into the Public Engagement Manager.
- The Police total FY 2018 budget is fairly status quo at approximately \$42 million.
- Revenues parking violations (largest) service fees, licenses and permits, sales tax portion, traffic citations, other revenues which include asset seizures.
- Expenditures Salary and benefits (majority), supplies and services, allocated costs.
- The rental of the annex building on Anapamu St is approx. \$16,000 a month; \$300,000 a year.

12. Adjourned 6:07 PM

MOTION: Torell to adjourn the meeting. Daniel seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.