

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, July 27, 2017 @ 4:00

David Gebhard Room
Comm/Dev Public Works
630 Garden St.

4:00pm

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Christensen, Daniel and Zeitsoff

Staff Present: Police Chief Lori Luhnaw, Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Deputy City Attorney John Doimas, Anthony Wagner, Public Engagement Manager and Secretary Rosie Calvillo

2. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2017

MOTION: Zeitsoff approved minutes of June 22, 2017. Daniel seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

3. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)

Dan Cerf asked the Fire Chief McElroy, how many calls a month are emergency services, not related to fires. Fire Chief responded that in July there were 933 calls, 627 were medical related calls.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Zeitsoff commended the Chief and staff for her 1 year presentation to City Council.

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

Daniel announced to the Commission that the Police Department has a drug deposit box in the lobby for the public.

Zeitsoff inquired about an item that was on the agenda last month. She would like to know how the commission can help and assist the tax increase tailored to the Fire and Police departments.

6. New Business:

Daniel would like information sometime about the Explorer Program. Daniel informed the Commission on the 2 resources for fire and rescue up to date information, one is Reponse DEC App. or Radio Call App, the other is inciweb Forest Service up to the minute data on fires

in the forest. These are available to the public. Daniel also praised photographer Mike Eliasion for the outstanding pictures on the fires.

Chief McElroy provided the Commission with 2 apps Dispatch STB (City Fire) and Dispatch SBC (County Fire) that they can get at any app store. These apps will give them alerts on their phones on where they are fires.

Zeitsoff would like to invite someone from Domestic Violence and Domestic Violence Solutions to give a presentation.

7. Commissioners to ask any additional questions regarding the Dance permit packet recieved from Technician Liz Scott at the May 25, 2017 meeting:

Zeitsoff felt that one of the permits wasn't conditioned like in the past. She suggested to Liz to look into the archives and see how they were conditioned because the current permits don't have the same conditions. Mr. Doimas said the ordinance of 2008 is fine, the permits just need to have the proper conditions. Zeitsoff volunteered to help Liz review the permits.

Chief mentioned that with the \$80,000 ABC Grant there will be extra enforcement in the evening to focus on ABC establishment and Dance Permits

8. Fortuneteller Permit Application for Gina R. Comin, "Cominichi's SB Tarot"

MOTION: Daniel to approve. Zeitsoff seconded for discussion. Zeitsoff asked that if someone operates from a store front or her home, is the City liable if something happens to her? Do we become liable? Doimas said we are not liable.

VOTE: Unanimous vote to approve

9. Appointments of Chair and Vice Chair:

Commissioner Laponis emailed something to be read in his absence: It is my hope that the votes will be 3 to zero, if not I hope you will postpone voting until the August meeting when there will be 4 Commissioners.

Christensen motioned for Daniel to serve as the Chair and she would serve as the Vice-Chair and she would be happy to support her as the Vice-Chair.

Daniel would like to postpone voting until next month when there are 4 people present.

Zeitsoff would like to move that Christensen serve as Chair and Daniel serve as Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Zeitsoff voted to have Christensen as Chair and Daniel as Vice-Chair. Daniel seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous vote

10. Monthly Fire Chief's Report

Chief McElroy had a powerpoint presentation on what was presented to City Council.

As opposed to last year they have had 10 more fires this year. Alamo and Whittier fires used a lot of the resources throughout the County. He explained how an incident management team comes in and takes over because they still have to respond to emergencies. They do an analysis of the fire every 12 hours. They post on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep the public informed on the fires. The Fire Department also has a satellite imaging that shows where all the hotspots are.

Daniel asked if there was a specific radius they use so the retardant isn't dropped anywhere

near the water, radius is 300 feet. The 300 feet radius is a California recommendation.

Christensen asked about InciWeb which is what she uses and spoke about how false information gets posted sometimes.

Daniel had a question on the stats, Engine 7 continues to have the lowest responses, is that going to interfere with the joint project building of the new structure? Engine 7 and Engine 4 haven't been home for 30 days, because they were at the Alamo and Whittier Fire. Daniel commented on how miraculous the rescue of the kids at the Whittier Fire.

Christensen asked if these incidents be lessened in magnitude or just in terms of occurring at all by the ranchers managing their properties. Chief McElroy said the ranchers and land managers are doing really good, because they can do more on their land than we can do.

11. Monthly Police Chief's Report

Chief presented her 1 year update to City Council and she distributed her power point packet to the Commissioners.

- Sgt. Shawn Hill and Volunteer Administrator Howie Giles wrote an article for the Police Chief magazine that went worldwide.
- Highlighting our Voices program at the IACP Conference in October, a conference that has 12,000 Police Chief's from all over the world.
- Had our Aligning Perceptions class at City College, it embeds officers in the classroom with students.
- We are building our social media
- Police Foundation purchased a Force Options Simulator, for the department
- In 2017 we handled over 48,000 radio calls, 132 calls per day, patrol strength is 20 to 30 officers a day, priority 1 calls reduced to 5.9 minutes from 6.1 minutes
- Handled 121 Special Events
- We rolled out WRAP devices, lower body straight jacket, helps deescalate the situation, there are 5 out in the field and 1 in every Sergeant vehicle
- Police Foundation purchased for the department Advanced Life Saving Kits

Since we didn't backfill the Deputy Chief position we were able to purchase Tasers and new radios. Goals for this year we bought the Crime View Software, supervisors are trained and a San Diego former FBI agent will come to help us with the operational use of the program. We had 141 of our sworn positions filled and we are now down to 133. Looking to hire 10 for the October academy.

Chief introduced Public Engagement Manager, Anthony Wagner, has been working with us for 4 months. He will be working on the Cannabis and Alcohol Policy, which are his expertise. He has been navigating the newly formed Cannabis Control Act and Alcohol Beverage Control Act. Council has projected to have more cannabis components than just a dispensary.

Zeitsoff said that DA Dudley stated that in Colorado traffic accidents increased 49% since marijuana became legal, she wanted to know if Anthony has spoken to her about this.

Anthony said that it is important to distinguish between the lawful legally conforming cannabis and illegal black market. It remains to be seen.

Daniel ask if Anthony is familiar with any apparatus that can be used by the Police Department to check the quantity of cannabis that has been consumed. Proposition 64 is allocating funds to the CHP to be able to study level of intoxication and how it would affect ones drive.

12. Adjourn

MOTION: Christensen to adjourn the meeting. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.