

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, **September 28, 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, Laponis and Zeitsoff

Staff Present: Police Chief Lori Luhnaw, Fire Battalion Chief Robert Mercado, Assistant City Attorney I John Doimas, Business Office Manager Lori Pederson, Rob Dayton, Transportation and Parking Manager, Vanessa Rason, Traffic Technician I, Sara Farrell, Mobility Coordinator and Secretary Rosie Calvillo

2. Changes to Agenda:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2017

MOTION: Laponis approved minutes of August 24, 2017. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

4. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)

Eve Sanford from Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition, Planning and Policy Director. They work throughout the County on making bicycling safer and an easier choice for people to use for transportation and recreation. Eve would like to see a diversion program so that when someone gets a ticket for a bicycle violation they could go to school and educate themselves on the bicycle laws. SB Bike goes to the schools and educates children from 2nd to 6th grades, for 10 weeks on the safety of riding a bike. They also take the children on bike rides in the City to show them how to ride safely.

Zeitsoff asked if helmets are a requirement? Helmets are required if you are under the age of 18 and are provided for free at the SB Bicycle Coalition by private donors.

Laponis agreed that the diversion program is an excellent idea, it will help educate people and reduce the number of fatalities.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Zeitsoff invited everyone to the Police Officers swearing in ceremony on October 4, 2017 at the Faulkner Gallery. Fun with the Force is October 1, 2017 at Pat Nesbitt's estate, this is an annual fundraiser for the Police Department.

Christensen informed the Commissioners that there will be no special posting for the current vacancy, it will go through the regular cycle. The vacancy will not be filled until the beginning of 2018.

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

Laponis inquired on whether there will be meetings in November and December?

Christensen confirmed that there will not be any meetings until January 2018, unless there is an application that needs approval.

7. New Business:

Zeitsoff proposed that since October is Domestic Violence month, we have presentations on Domestic Violence and Disaster Awareness to educate our community. She would like to plan this possibly in January 2018.

8. Private Patrol Application Hearing – American Guard Services:

Police Department recommends approval of the registration for American Guard Services private patrol operator contingent upon use of approved uniforms. Lori Pedersen provided pictures of the uniform for the commissioners to review. Lt. Baker approved both the uniforms and vehicles.

MOTION: Laponis to approve. Zeitsoff seconded for discussion. Zeitsoff asked about DOJ and FBI backgrounds for American Guard Services. Doimas informed Zeitsoff that it is only approval for uniforms.

VOTE: Unanimous vote to approve

9. Presentation on the Vision Zero Plan:

A PowerPoint presentation on the Vision Zero Plan was provided by Rob Dayton, Vanessa Rason and Sara Farrell, on the European concept of being responsible as practitioners in transportation and with the government to be responsible for those collisions that in the past we just expected to happen. The presentation was on how Public Works Transportation and the Police Department are coordinating together to move forward on this. A packet was provided to the Commissioners on Vision Zero.

Vision Zero, is a safety initiative that was adopted by City Council in December 2016.

10. Monthly Fire Chief's Report:

Fire Battalion Chief Robert Mercado, presented the report in the absence of Fire Chief McElroy.

- There were 1,060 incidents, August 24, 2017 thru September 27, 2017
- Engine 4 and 5 are the busiest they are at the North end of the City
- EMS calls (638) are the #1 calls received and fire calls (19) are the least, compared to last year's data we are up

- **SIGNIFICANT CALLS:**

- Microburst incident, Sept. 3, 2017, 2 serious injuries, numerous trees down, water rescues, wires down and flooding
- September 4, 2017, trees came down on wires and a person was electrocuted, they sustained some severe injuries
- September 17, 2017, there was a multi-alarm structure fire at the Bubble & Beans Laundromat, no injuries, fire was contained, the cause is suspicious, it is currently under investigation
- September 24, 2017 helicopter crash, 2 occupants with minor injuries

Laponis inquired that generally Station #1 has more calls, Chief Mercado responded that when you combine Engine 1 and the Truck Rescue they are the busiest but by unit Engine 4, located at 19 N. Ontare, is the busiest.

Zeitsoff asked about an update on the AMR negotiation, Chief Mercado said that it is still a few years out, they got an extension.

11. Monthly Police Chief's Report

Chief Lori Luhnnow, showed the Commissioners the special badge a 9-11 tribute badge that has been authorized to wear for the month of September. Officers need to purchase them on their own. Law Enforcement Memorial project update, enough money has been raised for the infrastructure to support the installation. We are working with Public Works to install it by May 2018.

The Internal Affairs Professional Standards Sergeant Shawn Hill was selected for the CA Peace Officers Association Statewide Award of Distinction. He is being recognized for his ongoing public engagement, work to bring our community together and our officers into bi-lateral communications that aided trust, empathy and understanding to all involved.

Daniels asked at last month's meeting for a report on calls of service during Fiesta at the Funk Zone, we had 0 radio calls on Wednesday, 0 on Thursday and 4 on Friday.

- 7 Police Officer-Entry and 1 Lateral were hired
- 58 Police Officers were hired since January 2013
- 11 Police Officers from last academy are in their last phase of training
- 15 of our 18 authorized Dispatch positions have been filled
- 2 Parking Enforcement Officers were hired, parking staff is full
- Re-organized to our Neighborhood Policing Unit, in July and August they had 138 arrests, 186 citations, 9 camp cleanups and 1,926 calls for service
- New Volunteer Program, in July and August put in 534 total hours, 117 downtown and over 500 public contacts. 5 more are in backgrounds
- SNAP Program, July and August handled 98 party calls, 24 citations and wrote 57 parking violations
- Data Management Reporting System is online, but not everyone is trained on it

Chief will be gone next month, she will be at the IACP Conference in Philadelphia. Zeitsoff praised Anthony Wagner and Sergeant Joshua Morton on the outstanding work they are doing on public outreach.

12. Adjourn

MOTION: Christensen to adjourn the meeting. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.