

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

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Thursday, May 24, 2018 @ 5:00

David Gebhard Room

Comm Dev/Public Works

630 Garden St.

**5:00pm**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners: Daniel, Parker Stedman and Zeitsoff

Absent: Commissioner: Christensen

Staff Present: Acting Fire Chief Lee Waldron, Police Chief Lori Luhnnow, City Attorney John Doimas, Secretary Rosie Calvillo

**2. Changes to the Agenda:**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2018**

**MOTION:** Daniel to approve minutes of April 26, 2018. Parker seconded. **VOTE:**  
Unanimous voice vote.

**4. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)**

Lizzie Rodriguez, would like for there to be a section of the letter to say that the Public Information Officer was a suggestion from the public because the department hadn't considered it. She would like the letter to include recommendations from the Public. Lizzie is concerned that she has to advocate for equal rights and language justice on something so important like public safety.

Daniel is sincerely grateful that Lizzie is representing the community and the Commission supports her.

Parker reassured Lizzie the Commission supports the public and there is a section in the letter with public recommendations.

Erika Felix, Disaster Mental Researcher, UCSB, she just learned of the challenges of getting public safety information in Spanish. She is here to learn and support our efforts. Also, voice her support to get a Spanish Public Information Officer.

**MOTION:** Daniel moves to approve the Spanish Speaking Public Information recommendation letter. Parker seconded.

**VOTE:** Unanimous voice vote.

## 5. Subcommittee Reports

Zeitsoff:

- Attended the Police Department ceremony for National Police Officers Memorial Day on May 15.
- Attended the budget workshop for Fire and Police, she recommended that the budget be approved.

Daniel:

- Attended the Riviera Association annual meeting. Acting Fire Captain Lee Waldron and Ann Marx, Wild Fire Specialist, presented a power point presentation followed by a question and answer period.

Parker:

- Attended the Police Department ceremony for National Police Officers Memorial Day.

## 6. Status Report from Commissioner Parker on Spanish Speaking Public Information Officer Research Parker:

A copy of the proposed letter with a report of the inquiries researched was given to the Commission prior to the meeting. He asked the Commission to consider the letter so it can be submitted to City Council. The letter was approved by the Commissioners and sent to City Council.

Daniel:

Suggested the letter be reviewed and discussed at a different meeting. Daniel asked Doimas that while evaluating the letter if the Commission could comment to one another about the context. Doimas response was no, it is a Brown Act violation.

## 7. Old Business: Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, refer to staff for factual information, or make brief reports or announcements. None.

## 8. New Business: Commissioners may request to agendize a matter of business for a future meeting.

None.

## 9. Monthly Fire Chief's Report

- Distributed a graph on incidents by station and type

- Station 7, (Forestry) has been allotted funding through Measure C and there may be a possibility for a new joint or singular station, decision needs to be made
- Fire had their first Dispatch Academy, it was well received by the Dispatchers
- Structure Fire on Cliff Drive in an apartment building
- Hazmat incident at La Cumbre Junior High, a teacher was badly burned by acid
- There is a City Hazmat Team, at Station #2 and we are members of the Southcoast Hazardous Materials Team

## 10. Monthly Police Chief's Report

- May 15, 2018, was the first National Memorial Law Enforcement Day
- Memorial Statue should be complete by the end of June, \$90,000 was brought in by community donations
- May 23, 2018, H. Thomas Guerry Awards, Joshua Alvarez and Officer Scott McBeth, received awards
- Measure C, architect has been selected for the new building, will be going to Council for approval
- 43 Officers have been hired in the last 2 years, 98% filled positions
- 98% Staffing positions are filled
- The Department will be hiring a Records Manager
- An Officer Position was moved to Training
- There are 4 sworn positions that will be retiring
- 12 people in backgrounds

Daniel:

Would like to receive Compstat reports again. Chief will work on getting a report to the Commission.

Parker:

Expressed how the budget presentations by Chief Luhnaw and Acting Chief Waldron were excellent.

## 11. Adjourn

**MOTION:** Daniel to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 PM. Parker seconded.

**VOTE:** Unanimous voice vote.

**Meeting adjourned 6:03 p.m.**