

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION  
October 24, 2019  
MINUTES**

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

The meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2019 was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the EOC Classroom – 121 W. Carrillo Street, Fire Station 1.

**Fire & Police Commissioners:** Present: Tom Parker, Lizzie Rodriguez, John Stedman

Absent: Jeannine Daniel

**Staff:**

Oscar Gutierrez, Councilmember  
Eric Nickel, Fire Chief  
Kenneth Kushner, Police Lieutenant  
John S. Doimas, Assistant City Attorney  
Carol Lupo, F&P Secretary  
Laura Bordon, F&P Secretary

**2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The Fire Chief's Monthly Report (Item 9) was moved up to Item 5.

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Stedman approved the minutes of August 22, 2019 meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion / Second by Commissioner Rodriguez. Unanimous voice vote.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Request to Speak:** NONE

**5. FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT**

- Firefighter Union negotiations with City is at an impasse – will proceed to mediation.
- 48% are currently eligible to retire.
- Began hiring process for an estimated 6 openings (*600 applicants, 106 invited for the Interview process*).
- Council approved CAL Fire Grant for \$310k.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Strategic Planning held, final report will be presented to Fire & Police Commission.
- Fire Station 7, conducting more analysis of earthquake faults near the existing site.
- Regional Fire Communication Center to be located at the County EOC, approved by County Supervisors (3 to 2 vote).
- New (*model*) brush engine purchased.
- County Supervisors approved the Ambulance Service Contract to go out to bid.
- New App: Pulsepoint Citizen Engagement / Launched 10/1/19 at City Council Mtg.

- Future presentation on Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) measures, given by Yolanda McGlinchey.
- Commissioner Rodriguez would like a presentation to the Commission of the Fire Department's recruitment outreach methods.

#### **6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None Submitted.

#### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

*(Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, refer to staff for factual information, make brief reports, or announcements)*

None Discussed.

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

None Proposed.

#### **9. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Parker would to schedule a special commission meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

**ACTION:** Motion / Second by Commissioner Rodriguez. Unanimous voice vote.

#### **10. POLICE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT**

*(Presented by: Lieutenant Kenneth Kushner)*

- Priority 1 calls for service is below minimum target.
- Priority 2 & 3 calls for service above target *(due to staffing challenges)*.
- Violent crime down by 15%; Property crime down by 11%.
- Staffing currently at 145 / Authorized currently at 141.
- Successful with recruitment: September 14<sup>th</sup> testing provided 7 applicants into the background process.
- November 23, 2019 next testing day in Ventura *(for April 2020 Academy)*.
- 18 month Strategic Plan process has started to determine best use of personnel Resources.
- The use of Narcan has been successful to save the lives of 2 citizens.

#### **11. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.