

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, **May 25, 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: Daniel, Laponis, Torell, and Zeitsoff

Staff Present: Police Chief Lori Luhnaw, Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Deputy City Attorney John Doimas, Councilmember Gregg Hart, Sgt. John Ingram, Police Technician Liz Scott and Secretary Rosie Calvillo

2. AGENDA CHANGE:

LAPONIS MOTIONED TO MOVE #4 PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER THE POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT. UNANIMOUS VOTE

3. Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2017

MOTION: Daniel approve minutes of April 27, 2017, Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Daniel spent some time observing the Police Communications Center and met the new Manager Cynthia Freeman, who comes from Riverside. She recommended that the commissioners take the time to visit the Communications Center.

Daniel attended the Police and Fire Department budget presentation to City Council and went on a ride a long, with Sgt. Katsapis.

Zeitsoff attended the Thomas Guerry Awards and it was very inspiring. She also attended the Sergeant promotional ceremony at the County Courthouse and the Police and Fire Department budget presentation to City Council, she spoke on behalf of the Commission and recommended Council approve Police and Fire budgets for FY18. Zeitsoff informed the Commission that the final budget approval is June 27, 2017 if anyone would like to attend.

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

Daniel wanted to commend the Police Department for the article in the SB Newspress on the multi-county heroin arrest.

6. New Business:

Zeitsoff would like the Commissioners to review the Dance Permit packet that was given to them and after Liz Scott makes her presentation have some time to do further study and add it to next month's agenda.

Daniel suggested that the Commissioners look up the following website because it promotes responsible partying and behavior, www.lifeoftheparty.sa.ucsb.edu

Lapoonis announced that he is resigning from being the Chair.

7. Fire Chief's Report:

- Increase of 100 calls as opposed to the same time period last year.
- Call distribution is the same.
- Engine 4 & 5, on the Northside, had 250 calls, they remain the active parts of the City.
- Low amount of calls at the Airport.
- Special incidents, we had helicopter crash at La Cumbre Country Club, rare for that kind of crash and all 3 people survived, the aircraft was a total loss.
- Small structure fire on the 300 Anacapa St. and a small fire on Stearns Wharf.
- Incident that drew the County Fire Chief's attention is the death of a paddle boarder. The person that rented the paddle board was not a swimmer. They will recommend that anybody in the business of renting this type of equipment be required to provide a personal flotation device.
- There have been a significant amount of water rescues.

8. Police Chief's Report:

Sergeant John Ingram is in charge of the Property Crime Unit, investigates burglaries, residential, commercial, fraud and embezzlements. Year to date we are below 150 reported crimes from what was reported in the last 2 years. Residential burglaries are down and commercial burglaries have gone up. A crew from Long Beach was driving from Santa Barbara to San Diego and broke into various restaurants. Thefts in motor vehicles has decreased. There has been an increase in auto thefts, mostly vespa scooters. Credit card fraud, there are crews from LA that are taking handbags from coffee shops and restaurants and using the credit cards to make purchases.

Police Technician Liz Scott presented an update on dance permits, on the 400, 500 and 600 blocks of State Street. A list of dance permits was provided that are in the City, in the 3 blocks we have 12 permits issued, of those 12, one is closed and one is live music only.

Liz explained the new application and renewal process, included copies of the new application and renewal. Renewals are done annually on the anniversary of their approval and the cost is \$500.00.

Laponis asked if there are any issues on the permit as to noise. It is taken into consideration if there are excessive complaints on noise.

Zeitsoff feels that there should be more security, background checks for the security and training.

Daniel asked if a nightclub receives a number of citations is there a quantity that will revoke the renewal of the permit. Liz explained that they get a warning and possibly get their permit revoked or terms changed.

9. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)

Tamara Erickson, commented on the renewal of dance permits and told the commission that one of the businesses hasn't gotten a renewal letter in the last couple of years and wasn't aware of the process or that it existed.

Erickson is concerned that since the Night Enforcement Team won't be staffed until September, we are going through the summer with no one from the Police department aware of whether these requirements that are on their permits are being upheld by the different businesses.

Daniel took the time to walk the 400, 500 and 600 blocks of State St. and it was loud but did notice Police presence.

Zeitsoff would like to move the issue of noise and safety to next month's agenda.

Doimas explained the difference between a ministerial permit and discretionary permit. The ordinance has language that allows conditions. The Police Chief has the discretion to approve or deny a permit.

Chief Luhnnow, talked about re-organization, there will be a Night Enforcement Team. There are officers that are on patrol going into the bars conducting periodic checks.

Gene Zannon, he lives on the 400 block of State St. He would like to see more Police enforcement. He feels the clubs need to make changes with noise and intoxicated people.

Daniel thanked Mr. Zannon for speaking to them.

10. Adjourn 5:08 PM