

**CITY OF PASADENA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
PASADENA CITY HALL
100 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE
CITY HALL GRAND CONFERENCE ROOM S038
JULY 16, 2012
REGULAR MEETING**

OPENING Councilmember Robinson, acting Chair, called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 4:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Steve Madison, (Chair) (5:12 p.m.)
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Jacque Robinson

Staff: Michael Beck, City Manager
Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager
Phillip Sanchez, Police Chief
Frank Rhemrev, Assistant City Attorney
Kelly Evans, Police Lieutenant
Sandra Robles, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT Michelle White, Pasadena Resident, requested information on the results of any settlements that occurred pertaining to officer involved claims.

Frank Rhemrev, Assistant City Attorney, stated that in general, settlements are public information and are available by making a Public Records Act request.

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager, provided further information stating that the City does not post lists of settlements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Vice Mayor McAustin, to approve the minutes of June 18, 2012, and the cancellation minutes of July 2, 2012, as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: Councilmember Madison)

INFORMATION ITEMS POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON DISCIPLINE/USE OF FORCE

Phillip Sanchez, Police Chief, provided a PowerPoint presentation providing statistical data regarding the Police Department's discipline and Use-of-Force statistics from 2010 and 2011, and responded to questions.

Kelly Evans, Police Lieutenant, responded to questions regarding the cases prepared for Employee Disciplinary Skelly Hearings.

The following individuals provided comments on the item:

Councilmember Madison
(Arrived 5:12 p.m.)

Kris Ockershauser, American Civil Liberties Union – Pasadena, requested information on the tracking system and reporting of complaints against individual officers, and reiterated a previous request for information on review boards from other cities, and

an analysis/comparison with Pasadena's current review process.

Michelle White, Pasadena resident, asked about the general tracking of complaints against individual police officers, the mechanism for the Department to investigate such complaints, and the ultimate resolution or outcome for complaints made.

Police Chief Sanchez, responded that the Police Department is in the process of purchasing a data software program with the ability to track personnel matters and issues, and provided Ms. White, with a copy of the California Public Employee Relations booklet. In addition, Chief Sanchez informed the public that the requested comparison and analysis with the review practices of other municipalities will occur at a future Committee meeting.

Michael Beck, City Manager, provided information on the process for making a formal complaint against the Police Department.

Vice Mayor McAustin requested that staff provide a copy of the specific and detailed response to the Office of Independent Review (OIR) report on the officer involved shooting in December 2009. The Chair clarified that staff should provide the actual OIR report and not staff's presentation of the report.

Following discussion, on the order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Committee, the information was received and filed.

REGULATING VICIOUS DOGS

Frank Rhemrev, Assistant City Attorney, provided an oral report summarizing staff's memo, a handout on the City of San Francisco's Municipal Code, and responded to questions.

Following discussion, the Committee, by consensus requested that this item be forwarded to the Legislative Policy Committee, in order to request that the City's lobbyists work with State elected officials to craft legislation on the regulation of vicious dogs. The Committee, by consensus, also asked that the item return with feedback from the Pasadena Humane Society, information on the number of dog licenses issued in the City, and statistical information from the Police Department regarding dog bites.

On the order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Committee, the information was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sandra S. Robles
Recording Secretary

Steve Madison, Chair
Public Safety Committee

**CITY OF PASADENA
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AUGUST 06, 2012
REGULAR MEETING**

OPENING Councilmember Robinson, acting Chair, called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 4:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Steve Madison, (Chair) (4:43 p.m.)
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Jacque Robinson

Staff: Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager
Phillip Sanchez, Police Chief
Kevin Costa, Deputy Fire Chief
Frank Rhemrev, Assistant City Attorney
Darryl Qualls, Deputy Police Chief
Bruce George, Police Lieutenant
Sandra Robles, Recording Secretary

INFORMATION ITEMS JULY 4TH FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT (PRESENTATION)

Councilmember Madison (arrived 4:43 p.m.) Kevin Costa, Deputy Fire Chief, and Bruce George, Police Lieutenant, provided a PowerPoint presentation on fire prevention activities in the Rose Bowl area, enforcement detail during the Amerifest event, definitions of Safe and Sane fireworks, Citywide enforcement, community outreach, statistical data from the Fire Department related to firework incidents, and responded to questions.

Vice Chair McAustin recommended that staff work with various Neighborhood Associations for outreach purposes regarding enforcement of firework regulations.

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager, responded, to Councilmember's Masuda update regarding legislation of selling fireworks during the New Year's holiday, stating that he will confirm with the Mayor's Office if the letter of opposition to the proposed legislation has been transmitted.

The Committee, by consensus, requested statistical information regarding individuals who were cited, released, and/or warnings issued.

Joe Brown, Pasadena Branch of NAACP, commented on his concern regarding public safety issues and the statistical information provided.

Following discussion, on the order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Committee, the information was received and filed.

REVIEW OF POLICE AGENCY OVERSIGHT MODELS (PRESENTATION)

Phillip Sanchez, Police Chief, provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing police agency oversight models, review levels, types of reviews that occur, data on San Gabriel Valley civilian review boards/committees, and responded to questions.

The following individuals provided comments on the item:

Joe Brown, Pasadena Branch of NAACP, stated his support for an advisory level public oversight body to provide an open dialogue with the Pasadena Police Department (PPD).

Kris Ockershauser, American Civil Liberties Union – Pasadena, stated that the PPD's complaint system requires improvement. In addition, she provided suggestions for greater transparency and accountability pertaining to the PPD.

Martin Gordon, Pasadena Community Coalition, stated that the PPD conducts internal investigations, requested information on the PPD's public oversight model that was disbanded, stated his support for a citizen review board, and requested a copy of the ordinance regarding the Public Oversight Review Committee.

Councilmember Robinson requested information from Mr. Gordon regarding the structure of the Pasadena Community Coalition.

Following discussion, on the order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Committee, the information was received and filed.

AGGRESSIVE HOMELESS ISSUES IN OLD PASADENA (ORAL)

Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to delay the discussion on the item until the next Committee meeting.

DANGEROUS DOG BREEDS – UPDATE (ORAL)

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager, provided a brief oral update affirming that this item is not able to be agendaized at the Legislative Policy Committee per City Attorney and will return to the Committee with additional information at a future meeting.

Following a brief discussion, the Committee, by consensus agreed to cancel the September 3, 2012 and the September 17, 2012 meeting and schedule a Special meeting if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

On the order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steve Madison, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Sandra S. Robles
Recording Secretary