

**CITY OF PASADENA  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
PASADENA CITY HALL  
100 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER – S249  
NOVEMBER 19, 2012  
REGULAR MEETING**

**OPENING** The Chair called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 4:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmember Steve Madison, (Chair)  
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin  
Councilmember Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Jacque Robinson (4:38 p.m.)

Staff: Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager  
Phillip Sanchez, Chief of Police  
Dr. Eric Walsh, Director of Public Health  
William Huang, Director of Housing  
Frank Rhemrev, Assistant City Attorney  
Matt Feaster, Management Analyst I  
Sandra Robles, Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT** No one appeared for public comment

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Vice Mayor McAustin, to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 1, 2012 and the cancellation minutes of November 5, 2012, as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Robinson)

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS** Police Chief, Phillip Sanchez provided a brief overview of the accident that occurred on November 17, 2012 involving two Pasadena Helicopters, informed the Committee that both a preliminary and a factual written report would be provided by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), with copies to be provided to the Committee upon availability, and responded to questions.

The Committee, by consensus, requested that staff provide updates to the Committee as information becomes available.

**INFORMATION ITEMS** **REPORT ON SUICIDES**

Dr. Eric Walsh, Director of Public Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing statistical data on suicides in the United States, attempts and suicide deaths in the City of Pasadena, and responded to questions.

The Chair recommended that staff include information regarding a suicide prevention hotline phone number when providing reports on suicides.

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

## **BREED-SPECIFIC LEGISLATION IN PASADENA**

Councilmember Robinson  
(Arrived 4:38 p.m.)

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of previous Committee discussions on the item, an oral update of current state law, and responded to questions.

Dr. Eric Walsh, Director of Public Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation on breed specific legislation locally and nationally, data on dog bites and fatalities, use of force against dogs in Pasadena, studies conducted and their limitations, legislative precedence in the United States, and responded to questions.

Matt Feaster, Management Analyst I, responded to questions regarding data utilized for the staff report.

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager, reiterated the challenges of adopting breed specific legislation and stated that staff is prepared to proceed with the Committee's recommendations.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to, and/or expressed concerns on dog breed specific legislation:

Marina Baktis, Pasadena Resident  
Diana Lannes, Los Angeles Resident  
Alanna Haros, Pasadena Resident  
Nick Carranza, Pasadena Resident  
Marco Saldaña, Montebello Resident  
Nicole Brickman, Los Angeles Resident  
Stacy Broadwell, Covina Resident  
Josh Liddy, Hermosa Beach Resident  
Diane Prado, Housing Rights Attorney,  
Christina Cho, Pasadena Resident

Elizabeth Campo, Pasadena Humane Society (PHS), responded to questions regarding the anticipated completion date of the animal license canvassing effort and census of the number and types of breeds of dogs in the City. In addition, Ms. Campo stated that the PHS recommends the City strive for a mandatory spay and neutering program.

Following discussion, and by consensus of the Committee, the Committee requested that staff report back after the PHS's licensing enforcement and canvassing program is completed. In addition, staff was asked to return to the Committee with a recommendation on a mandatory spay and neutering program.

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

## **UPDATE ON PROJECT HOUSED (ORAL)**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Steve Madison, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Sandra S. Robles  
Recording Secretary