

MINUTES
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 15, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chairmember Meraz on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 6:00pm, at the Public Safety Center, 11940 Carson St. Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairmember Meraz

PRESENT:	CHAIRMEMBER	BERTHA MERAZ
	VICE CHAIRMEMBER	LIZET MENDOZA
	COMMISSIONER	PEDRO AMARO
	COMMISSIONER	MARIO RICO
	COMMISSIONER	VALERIE MASON

Recording Secretary Claudia Raya, Staff Assistant II, did the roll call and announced a quorum. Also in attendance, Linda Suniga Commission Liaison and Public Safety Consultant, Mike Fleager.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS ON AND OFF THE AGENDA

This is the time reserved for members of the audience wishing to speak on items **on and off** the Agenda and within the legislative body's jurisdiction. This period will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, maximum time allocated is fifteen (15) minutes.

A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None at this time

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Approve as Presented*

2. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CRIMES REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

3. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTMEBER 2017.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

Commissioner Amaro pulled item 3.

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve item B1 as presented & file item B2. Vice Chairmember Mendoza seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner Amaro inquired about the animal control invoice being a monthly invoice. Staff replied by stating yes. Animal control charges for service, then deduct any revenue received from residents obtaining pet licenses. The city then owes the remainder. The amount billed varies monthly. The highest peak of revenues is usually when the field canvassing is done. Residents then renew their pet license that month or the following month.

Commissioner Amaro made a motion to approve and file item B1. Commissioner Mason seconded. Motion passed.

C. STAFF REPORTS

None at this time.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Homeless Coalition and Services

The City applied for a planning grant of \$30,000 and the full amount was awarded. The grant awardees will be having a meeting at the end of the month. This grant will be used for a document that can be used throughout the city. It will be used as a resource guide and as a step by step procedural guide for city employees who come across with those encountering homelessness. Also, this will assist Public Works by knowing how to handle abandoned or temporarily property left behind.

Commissioner Amaro questioned if City employees have trainings? Staff responded that normally employees don't have encounters with homeless individuals. What Public Works needs help on is knowing when items are abandoned and how to handle them?

Commissioner Mason questioned if there was formal training? Staff responded yes and it is provided by JPIA has.

Commissioner Amaro questioned the when the next Homeless Coalition Meeting will take place. Staff replied, they are in discussion at the moment whether to have another regular meeting or have something more formal and have council attend such as a Town Hall meeting.

Also, City Council will be awarding \$250,000 homeless services. This grant will only be used for housing and low income services for homelessness. The city will post a request for proposal to local providers & non-profit organizations that can apply for a grant opportunity.

5. December Public Safety Commission Meeting

Our next commission meeting will be held on December 20, 2017. Since it is close to the Holidays possibly moving to an earlier date. Commission would like the commission meeting scheduled as is.

Vice Chair member Mendoza asked if this would be a reorganization date. Staff will notify the commission on the exact date.

6. Upcoming Events:

- Town Hall Meeting - Discussion Topic: Teen Center
Thursday, November 16, 2017 @ 6:00pm
22325 Norwalk Blvd. Hawaiian Gardens

This is a Town Hall Meeting with city council and recreation commission combined. The vision for the old MAOF building is for a new teen center. This is the beginning steps for developing that vision.

Commissioner Amaro's concern about the future home for the teen center is jaywalking.

Staff also informed the commission the time for meeting has changed from 6:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

- Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday, December 1, 2017, 5:00-8:00 pm @ C. Robert Lee Activity Center 21815 Pioneer Blvd.
- Block Clean Up
Saturday, December 2, 2017, 7:00am -1:00pm (or bins full) @ 226th St. between Wardham and Belshire.
- Neighborhood Safety Meeting
December 6, 2017, 6:00-7:30pm @ Safety Center

Another item that was not included in the agenda is the City Wide Employee Recognition Dinner. It is being held at The Grand in Long Beach.

E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Mason would like to invite the commission and staff to a resident meeting at her property on November 21 at 6:00pm. The topic will be holiday safety tips. Ms. Mason has had several instances where her seniors have had their purses stolen. She has also gotten in contact with Sgt. Maese regarding getting a Korean translator to facilitate information for her Korean speakers.

Staff asked Commissioner Mason if she wanted her meeting to be forwarded. Ms. Mason would like for everyone to attend.

Also, Commissioner Mason would like to have a Secret Santa amongst Public Safety Staff and Commission.

Commissioner Mario Rico - No report

Commissioner Amaro questioned if the county will be replacing all the riverbed with the new fencing or just the one along Carson due to the renovation?

Also, Mr. Amaro informed the commission that during vector control's community walk, they went to his house and received all the information.

Moreover, there is a taco stand that situates themselves every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night on 216st and Norwalk Blvd. They are working outside of the business. Commissioner Amaro does not see them washing their hands and afraid this might be a health risks for clients.

Lastly, Mr. Amaro would like to thank Public Safety Consultant, Mike Fleager for meeting with each commissioner.

Vice Chairmember Mendoza thanked Linda, Ramie and everyone who made it possible to get the street light back on.

In addition, Ms. Mendoza has noticed her neighbors leaving their parking spot and placing cones so nobody is able to park. The cones can be out for minutes to hours at a time. Ms. Mendoza has addressed the issue a couple of times but they are doing this continuously now.

Lastly, there seems to be a couple of cars that have a very loud exhaust. The drivers are setting car alarms throughout the night. Ms. Mendoza can point out the vehicles or possibly give the Sgt. Maese the license plate number and they can look into it?

Chairmember Meraz informed the commission Vector Control also went to her home twice.

Also, Chairmember Meraz has a neighbor that is often playing loud music at all times throughout the day, especially on the weekends.

Staff explained, the City has an ordinance with the loud music and the cones issue can be addressed the same way. What the city can do is have our community relations officer do an in person visit. This would be a reminder or a warning to the resident.

As far as the exhaust, other community residents have been complaining about it lately as well. Specifically the streets of 226th and Civic Center . If the commission has the license plate number the Sheriff's Department might not even need to witness the vehicle with the exhaust. The Sheriff's Department may simply give a warning to the registered owner and possibly cite the next time.

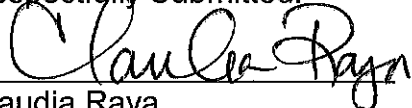
On the Edison light issue, Edison did not want to fix it because the light has been vandalized too many times. The city would put the request for service. Edison would then close the request reporting it fixed. Ramie would contact Staff informing the light issue was solved. Staff would then report to Vice Chairmember Mendoza and Ms. Mendoza would report the problem was still an ongoing issue. This was very frustrating situation for everyone.

The next time street light goes out again, they will be going to a different group at Edison and not through their normal reporting mechanism. The city is now paying for the fixture because Edison has a policy which states that if a street light is vandalized, Edison can only fix it several times. Since the light has been vandalized with gun fire, Edison is refusing to fix it without passing the expense onto the city. The city is willing to accept the expense however, have had trouble following a smooth process to get it fixed immediately.

Staff responded to Commissioner Amaro regarding the flood channel by stating that the county is placing new fencing on 223rd. The city is hoping that the county replace the fencing all along the flood channel. Staff will also forward the concern regarding the taco stand to the right department.

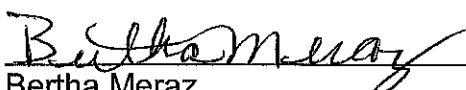
F. **ADJOURNMENT** to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on December 20, 2017

Respectfully Submitted:



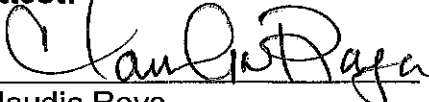
Claudia Raya
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Bertha Meraz
Chairmember

Attest:



Claudia Raya