

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens was called to order by Chairmember Mason on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:01 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairmember Mason

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<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>CHAIRMEMBER</b>	<b>VALERIE MASON</b>
	<b>VICE CHAIRMEMBER</b>	<b>LIZET MENDOZA</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>PEDRO AMARO</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>MARIO RICO</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>BERTHA MERAZ</b>

The recording secretary Juana Hernandez, Administrative Specialist announced a quorum. Also in attendance Councilwoman Myra Maravilla, Linda Suniga, Administrative Analyst.

**PRESENTATIONS – Councilmember Myra Maravilla**

Staff informed the Commission that Councilmember Maravilla was running late.

It was moved by Commissioner Amaro and seconded by Chairmember Valerie Mason to address "Presentations" when Councilmember Maravilla arrives. All in favor. Motion passed.

Staff announced the arrival of Councilmember Myra Maravilla at 6:17 p.m. for agenda item "Presentation".

Councilmember Maravilla thanked the Public Safety Commission for the great work that is being done for the betterment of the community.

Councilmember Maravilla addressed the Commission on previous concerns of the Clarkdale Skate Park and the lack of skaters using their helmets. According to the city's municipal code book there is no reference to helmet usage in skate parks. This will be looked at when there is a Municipal Code review. This particular subject will be forwarded to the Recreation Commission and then forwarded to the Public Safety Commission.

Councilmember Maravilla addressed the Commission on previous concerns regarding bulky waste. The acting city manager is in communication with our waste disposal contractor Republic. There is consideration on including bulky waste pickup but has not yet been determined.

Councilmember Maravilla addressed the Commission on previous concerns on the homeless population. She stated that the City is working on this through the "Homeless Coalition".

Commissioner Amaro informed and expressed concern for the lack of parking control in the City. He is not the only one with these concerns. Parking has been raised at multiple Neighborhood Watch meetings. Law Enforcement normally does not consider parking violations a priority. In the past the Public Safety Commission has discussed and forwarded concerns and recommendations on the possibility of hiring a parking control officer or contracting additional services through the County. It was also noted that the community needs to take parking violations more seriously. It impacts the quality of life here in the City.

Vice Chairmember Lizet Mendoza referred to the informational item on the speed bumps installation at 223<sup>rd</sup> Street between Seine Avenue and Elaine Avenue in front of Furgeson Elementary. It was noted that the excessive amount of vehicles speeding was alarming. Also expressed was the importance of requesting officers be present for enforcement and as a deterrent to the speeders.

Vice Chairmember Lizet Mendoza stated that on Horst Avenue there is a high number of potholes that cause problems for traveling vehicles and if staff can be informed of the need to have this street redone or resurfaced. The area that needs attention is on Horst Avenue between 223<sup>rd</sup> Street and 226<sup>th</sup> Street.

Chairmember Mason noted of the uncomfortable situation that took place at the Centralia Apartments. The Sheriff's had African American men on the floor with their hand guns drawn. One of these African American men was traumatized to the point where he is now on medication for the stress he endured. Today would have been ideal to have one of the Sheriff's representatives here to directly hear these concerns. Their lack of attendance to the Public Safety Commission has been noticeable. And lastly, the new deputies who are assigned to Hawaiian Gardens should be more community oriented.

Commissioner Rico stated that it would be best if the Sheriff's could get officers who care about the community.

Staff informed Councilmember Maravilla and the Commission that LASD used to attend meetings monthly, and then during the last year, it was changed to quarterly or as needed/requested, but at least quarterly. LASD has not been able to keep this schedule or attend as requested and it will again be immediately brought to the attention of the Interim City Manager.

Councilmember Maravilla informed the Commission of the parking control personnel and that this would have to be discussed as a budget item. Unfortunately there has been no budget approved or study as of this day.

Councilmember Maravilla urged the Commission to contact Mayor Bruce and Councilmember Trimble who are the Public Safety Committee.

Councilmember Maravilla informed the Commission that the Sheriff's contract with the City is public records and obtaining a copy of the contract should not be a problem. It was also recommended that the Commission contact Mayor Bruce and Councilmember Trimble who are the Public Safety Committee and perhaps have a study session on the law enforcement contract.

Councilmember Maravilla stated she was not informed of any incident that happened over at the Centralia Apartments and would be contacting the Sergeant on this matter.

Councilmember Maravilla stated that she will meet with the Acting City Manager to see how the potholes can be addressed or resolved.

The Public Safety Commission thanked Councilmember Maravilla for attending the

AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF A SPEED HUMP ON 223<sup>RD</sup> STREET BETWEEN SEINE AVENUE AND ELAINE AVENUE IN FRONT OF FURGESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Staff reported to the Commission on this informational item. A request was made for Council to consider speed bumps at various locations in the City. It is Council policy to consider speed humps within school areas which in this case was Furgeson Elementary. Speed humps are only allowed if certain criteria are met. An independent report must be prepared, including a traffic study of the area in question, before any action can be taken. In this case, the independent report concluded that installing a speed hump is expected to reduce speeding in the area. This item has been approved by the City Council and the next step will be to begin the speed hump installation process.

It was moved by Commissioner Amaro seconded by Chairmember Mason to receive and file and forward the traffic study on speeding to LASD for enforcement purposes since the study shows approximately 2000 vehicles passing through the area daily.

## **B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Amaro pulled B2 for discussion.

It was moved by Vice Chairmember Mendoza seconded by Chairmember Mason to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety. All in favor. Motion passed

1. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CITY MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2016.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** *Receive and File.*

2. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2016

**COMMISSION ACTION:** *Receive and File.*

### ITEM B2:

Commissioner Amaro noted that the dead animals are not being picked up by animal control. This is still an issue and inquired as to any improvement.

Staff informed the Commission that the city has been using a contractor to pick up the dead animals that the Los Angeles County Animal Control cannot pick up in a timely manner due to being a low priority. The County has informed the city that they are also considering contracting with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party for the low priority calls.

It was moved by Chairmember Mason seconded by Commissioner Amaro to receive and file item B2.

## **C. STAFF REPORTS**

1. REVIEW OF INTERSECTION OF 226<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND DEVLIN AVENUE WITH RESPECT TO HANDICAP RAMPS, TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONDITIONS

Staff informed the Commission that item C1 has been pulled from the agenda by staff and is not open to discussion. However, staff has been informed by the Community Development

Yes it can be placed the on the next agenda, unless other action is taken, in which case staff would advise the Commission.

#### **D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. UPDATE AND RESPONSE: The City's Homeless Coalition and Addressing Issues in Public Related to Individuals Experiencing Homelessness.

This is a response to concerns raised by the Commission during the September 2016 Meeting.

The Homeless Coalition is a city sponsored group that plans to meet on a quarterly basis with the goal of improving the delivery of social services in the community. The group consists of city staff, council members, social workers, health department workers, school district representatives, local churches, medical providers, and law enforcement. This involves the different agencies working together to prevent the duplication of services, educate each other on the different programs and/or services available, and the challenges/limitations each group faces in the delivery of services. In addition, the framework of the Coalition includes working with the different funding agencies contracted to provide services in Hawaiian Gardens, including the Gateway Cities COG, and federal, state and local agencies to guarantee the services that are contracted are delivered in the most effective manner possible.

The second part of this discussion item, the homeless encampment at the ARCO gas station. This area falls under the jurisdiction of the City of Lakewood. They have a law enforcement team of five who deal with these quality of life issues. This information was forwarded to Sergeant Maese and Deputy McCarty with a request to work with the Lakewood and Artesia High School deputies to specifically address student safety since this homeless encampment was in the direct path of students traveling to and from school each day.

Chairmember Mason stated that since bringing this up at the last commission meeting, there has been an improvement at the site and thanked staff for her assistance with this issue.

#### **2. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Red Ribbon Rally Walk – Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm, meet next to Pollo Inka (old Walmart parking lot)

We will be having the Red Ribbon Walk and will be meeting at 4:00pm at Pollo Inka. All schools will participate in the walk and then hold rally at the CRL gym. The Public Safety Commission is invited to participate.

- Halloween Program – October 31<sup>st</sup> 5pm – 9pm, CRL Activity Center

The Halloween Program will be held in the area of the tennis courts and the Public Safety Commission is invited to this special event.

- Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6pm Hawaiian Terrace Senior Apartments

The Public Safety Commission is invited to attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting. The

**E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Chairperson Valerie Mason reopened Commissioner Reports for those Commissioners wishing to state concerns.

Commissioner Amaro would like to present Juana Hernandez with a plaque of appreciation and asked if his fellow Commissioners are in agreement. The full Commission agreed on Commissioner Amaro's recommendation.

Staff recommended that the Commissioners have the holiday celebration gathering an hour before the meeting. The Recreation Commission does this every year to start off the holidays.

The Commission agreed on having a holiday Commission party one hour before the meeting.

Commissioner Rico stated there were skateboarder who were crossing into the street in a dangerous manner. Also their demeanor for the residents is very disrespectful not only for the home owners but also for passing traffic.

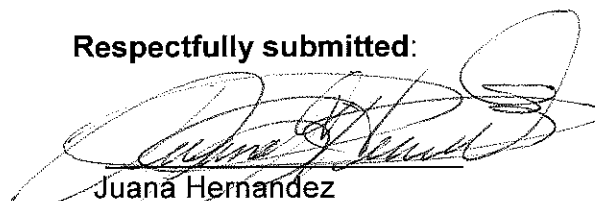
Staff has witnessed the same type of behavior from the skateboarders at City Hall. They are warned a few times before they are made to leave.

Commissioner Amaro inquired if there is any way that at least one of the Commissioners can be invited by the Public Safety Committee when they hold their discussion on items pertaining to the Public Safety Commission.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

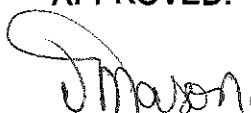
There being no further business Chairmember Mason adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on November 16, 2016 at 6:00pm.

**Respectfully submitted:**




Juana Hernandez  
Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Valerie Mason  
Chairmember

**Attest:**



Juana Hernandez  
Recording Secretary