

# MINUTES

## CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

### CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Public Safety Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens was called to order by Chairmember Mason on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00 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

### CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL	CHAIRMEMBER	VALERIE MASON
	VICE CHAIRMEMBER	LIZET MENDOZA
	COMMISSIONER	PEDRO AMARO
	COMMISSIONER	MARIO RICO
	COMMISSIONER	BERTHA MERAZ

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

Staff announced this is a Special Public Safety Commission Meeting due to moving up the meeting by one week.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

This is the time reserved for members of the audience wishing to speak on items on 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.

Ms. Jan Lapointe, 12020 226<sup>th</sup> Street. At the corner of Devilin and 226<sup>th</sup> Street there is a curb cut but no crosswalk, that is also the location where the side on 226<sup>th</sup> coming from City Hall going east, the sidewalk on the north side of the street on Devilin there is no longer sidewalk on the north side of the street. It cuts over to the south side of the street where there is a stop sign at that corner. There is no designated crosswalk, and it's the only place where people can cross whether you're an able body or handicap. This area is not marked at all, other than the stop sign that a lot of people miss if they if a pickup truck or a large vehicle is parked to the west of that stop, which in turn create a dangerous corner. This is not safe at especially when you have residents trying to crosswalk safely. Additionally, it is not understood why the city cannot put a crosswalk at this location because that is where the sidewalk ends on one side of the street, and starts at another. It would be greatly appreciate if the Commission can take the time and review this in order to help the residents.

### A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

No City Council Reports at this time.

## B. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Chairperson Mason second by Commissioner Amaro 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 JUNE AND JULY OF 2016.

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

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

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

## C. STAFF REPORTS

No Staff Reports at this time.

## D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. UPDATE: Traffic and Parking Enforcement

The city is continuing the program of using law enforcement (motorcycle officers) in the evenings and on weekends. This has received favorable support by the residents. The schedule varies and includes weekends and evenings.

Parking enforcement is still under consideration. However, the Interim City Manager has authorized code enforcement staff to do parking enforcement for a minimal amount of hours in the evenings. Also, extra hours were approved for law enforcement to do parking enforcement as well which will include evenings, weekends, in areas that have reports of high traffic violations.

2. UPDATE: Animal Control – Dead Animal Pickup

The City has engaged in a small pilot program using a third party service to conduct dead animal pickup. This has not been made public and is strictly handled by the interim city manager, Monday thru Friday, during business hours. The city will be meeting with Animal Control to coordinate effective dead animal pickup. By doing so, this will prevent duplicating unwarranted services between Animal Control and the third party.

3. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Block Cleanup – September 17<sup>th</sup> on 214<sup>th</sup> Street & Juan Avenue, begins 7:00am
- Gang Injunction Meeting – September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm Council Chambers

This is a semi-annual public meeting conducted by the District Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. This meeting is open to the public and provides an overview and opportunity for questions.

- Fun Run – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ Fedde Sports Complex
- Neighborhood Watch Meeting – October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm Celebration Christian Center, Emergency Preparedness

The Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be hosted by Celebration Christian Center. This meeting will be focusing on emergency preparedness. Our guests will include Hank Trimble and his Faith

Responders, American Red Cross, Maria Ochoa, RN from Los Angeles County Health Department, and the City's EOC Coordinator, Juana Hernandez.

The Red Cross will be promoting the smoke alarm program, and will inform the public of the scheduled date for installation on a later date.

The City's EOC Coordinator will present general information on being prepared.

The Los Angeles County Health Department will do a physical presentation with Faith Responders of CERT field operations.

#### **E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Amaro inquired if Ms. Jan LaPointe's concern could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Staff responded yes it can. This matter has been referred to the City Engineer as a result of the concern being raised at a previous council meeting and at the last neighborhood watch meeting.

Commissioner Amaro addressed the Commission. There were repairs done at 222nd and Belshire on the north-west corner and south-west corner, and the corners now need to be repainted. Also, the attendance of the Neighborhood Watch was very informative relative to the concern residents had on issues that had already been discussed or moved on at the Public Safety Commission.

Commissioner Rico commended Ms Jan LaPointe for voicing a concern. Also, it was stated that the residents should be informed or be motivated to attend these meetings so that their voices can be heard.

Vice Chairperson Mendoza commented on her attendance of the Neighborhood Watch meeting. The informal atmosphere made it comfortable for residents to speak to law enforcement. Ms. Jan LaPointe was in attendance as well and brought up very valid issues and concerns our residents have. At Horst north of 223<sup>rd</sup> there was some resurfacing of the street that was done. And there too the red curb signage was painted over and never replaced. An inquiry was made as to if the City was going to correct this.

Chairperson Mason noted a few concerns. Staff was asked a few questions. How long the motorcycle officer will be in service to the City; When will the Public Safety Center get a clerk to work at the counter, the concern is that residents have not been able to deposit legitimate neighborhood concerns with the Sheriff's; Is the interim City Manager going to be hired as a City Manager? The reason for this inquiry was due to the fact that the City needs consistency in order to address the needs of the community; Also, on the Lakewood side of Centralia the homeless have set up an encampment at the bus stop shelter. It was noted that she was going to attend the City Council Meeting of Lakewood and bring this concern to them. Finally, it was noted that the City needs are not being met by the Sheriff's Department. There was an incident at the Centralia Apartments; there was shooting from the public street into the apartment complex, and a stray bullet filtered into the apartment area. The intended individual was a young man who managed to avoid any stray bullets. As of today the mother of the young boy who was targeted has not been contacted by the Sheriff's. It is the concern of the Commission that this constitutes an inconsistent approach by law enforcement when it comes to addressing the needs of the community.

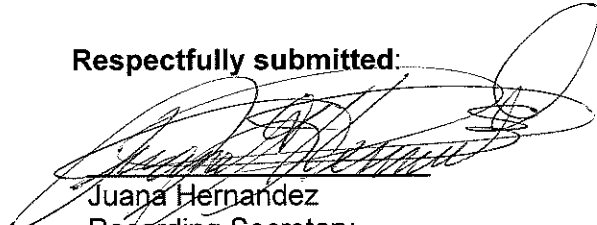
Staff informed the Commission that the motorcycle officer has been approved on a trial basis. The results will be looked at to determine the effectiveness and improvement in conditions. So far it has yielded positive results both from the traffic side of it, and residents. As for the clerical staff assigned to the Public Safety Center, this is still under consideration by the Interim City Manager. The City Council is in the process of hiring a new City Manager. Staff will inform the Sheriff's Department about the concerns related to the homeless encampment along the Norwalk corridor where the kids travel to and from school.

It will be suggested that the officers from Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood and Artesia High School work together to address issues on the Norwalk Corridor for the safety of the high-volume of students that pass by daily. The Commission's concerns relating to the responsiveness of LASD will be immediately communicated with the Interim City Manager.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chairmember Mason adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on October 19, 2016 at 6:00pm.

**Respectfully submitted:**




Juana Hernandez  
Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Valerie Mason  
Chairmember

**Attest:**



Juana Hernandez  
Recording Secretary