

MINUTES
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission was called to order on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, commencing at 6:00pm, at the Public Safety Center, 11940 Carson St. Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Rico

ROLL CALL	CHAIRMEMBER	MARIO RICO
	VICE CHAIRMEMBER	PEDRO AMARO
	COMMISSIONER	LIZET MENDOZA
	COMMISSIONER	BERTHA MERAZ
	COMMISSIONER	BARBARA LAUGHLIN

All present, a quorum was announced.

For the record, also in attendance, Claudia Raya, Recording Secretary, Linda Suniga, Commission Liaison, Patrick Matson, Administrative Services Manager, Alonso Verduzco, Public Safety Officer and with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Maese and Deputy Emerson.

COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

Staff opened the floor for Chair nominations. Vice Chair Amaro nominated Commissioner Barbara Laughlin. Commissioner Meraz seconded. Chair Rico called for a vote, all were in favor, motion passed.

Staff opened the floor for Vice Chairmember nominations. Commissioner Meraz nominated Commissioner Mendoza. Commissioner Rico seconded. Commissioner Rico called for a vote, all were in favor, motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS

Staff recognized Deputy Emerson for his outstanding job serving the City of Hawaiian Gardens. Sgt. Maese commented on Deputy Emerson's responsibilities and tasks of managing the Motor program in Hawaiian Gardens.

Deputy Emerson reported that Motor Deputies are now doing traffic enforcement for about 40-50 hours a month. They have been patrolling Pioneer and Carson among other areas and stop

signs throughout the City. In addition, Deputy Emerson reported that if there are any areas of concern, notify Staff and they will forward the message to him.

After Presentation, recess was taken with the new Chair at the gavel.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

1. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: CITY COUNCIL MEETING 1/22/2019; A REVIEW OF THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY CONDUCTED FOR 226TH STREET BETWEEN PIONEER AVENUE AND NORWALK BOULEVARD**

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File*

For the record, this calming study was presented to City Council as Agenda Item D:3 on 1/22/2019. The purpose was to study the traffic along 226th St. between Pioneer and Norwalk Blvd. and to provide any suggestions for any calming measures. The findings of the study concluded that there were no significant issues that warranted any calming measures.

Staff responded to Commission's questions and concerns regarding the study and other items.

Commissioner Amaro made a motion to receive and file Item 1. Commissioner Rico seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

2. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: CITY COUNCIL MEETING 1/22/2019; ITEM D4; A REVIEW OF THE SPEED STUDY OF NORWALK BOULEVARD FROM 224TH TO 226TH STREET IN THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS**

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File*

For the record, Item 2 was presented to City Council as Agenda item D:4 on 1/22/2019. Staff informed the commission that the City Engineer recommended no changes in the speed limit. Recommendations included additional enforcement during specific times during the day.

Commissioner Rico made a motion to receive and file Item 2 with the Public Safety Commission's request to send City Manager a Memo requesting a review of the speed limit on Norwalk Blvd. between 224th and 226th considering the new teen post. Commissioner Amaro seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CRIMES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019.**

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File*

4. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File*

Chair Laughlin made a motion to receive and file the consent calendar in its entirety. Commissioner Amaro seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

5. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File*

Staff reported that the Sherriff's Department Traffic Report will be provided quarterly to the Commission. Deputy Emerson explained the report in detail.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETINGS

- Wednesday, February 27th at Melbourne Elementary @ 6:00pm
- Wednesday, March 6th at Furgeson Elementary @ 6:00pm

Our next Neighborhood Safety Meeting topics will be on vaping awareness. This is very new to many parents and educators to understand the dangers that exist with vaping.

7. HOMELESS COUNT RECAP

The annual homeless count has been conducted. The numbers have not been released yet. Once we receive them, staff will update the Commission.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Meraz thanked Deputy Emerson for all his work done in the City.

Vice Chair Mendoza recommends placing cones on Norwalk Blvd. off the 99cents store exit to prevent drivers from making a left turn. Also, the light on Pioneer, making a left onto Carson towards the freeway, changes quickly not allowing many cars turn. Would it be possible to make two left turns.

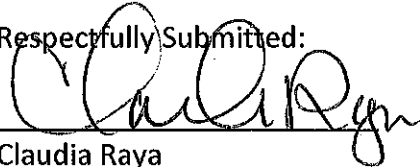
Commissioner Amaro agrees with Vice Chair Mendoza in regard to placing cones on Norwalk Blvd. before Tilbury St. Secondly, Commissioner Amaro recommends that Staff takes a look at the sidewalk on Brittain next to the empty lot. This can be a safety concern for pedestrians walking at night. Lastly, would like an update on illegal street vending.

Commissioner Rico thanked Deputy Emerson and Sgt. Maese for bringing the right people into our City. Commissioner Rico also wanted to discuss the foot traffic and activity on our riverbeds, particularly the one behind Horst. Commissioner Rico keeps getting complaints in regard to that matter. He does not believe that many of the individuals walking though are homeless individuals. Sgt. Maese will be following up.

Chair Barbara Laughlin questioned if there was an update with the positive signs on panhandling. Staff responded that the signs got tied up with the homeless plan and Staff is working on it. However, the issue in our City deals with panhandling on the medians which are a concern. Unfortunately, citations and signage are not expected to deter the same individuals on the median. Lastly, Chair Laughlin reported the leaning pole on Claretta and 221st. Staff responded that it was reported immediately.

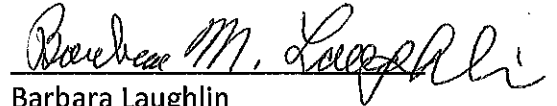
ADJOURNMENT to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on March 20, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:



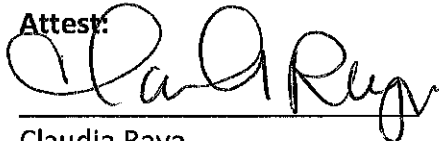
Claudia Raya
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Barbara Laughlin
Chairmember

Attest:



Claudia Raya