

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 17, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chairmember Meraz on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, commencing at 6:00pm, at the Public Safety Center, 11940 Carson St. Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair member Meraz

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

Recording Secretary, Claudia Raya, Staff Assistant II, did the roll call and announced a quorum. Staff added, Vice Chairmember Mendoza made a request to be excused at the last commission meeting. Also in attendance, Linda Suniga, Commission Liaison, Sgt. Maese with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Special guest, Ernie Hernandez, City Manager.

Commissioner Pedro made a motion to excuse Vice Chairmember Mendoza. Commissioner Mason seconded. Motion passed.

Staff would like to allow Commissioner Mason a brief moment to address the commission.

Commissioner Mason would like to thank the City of Hawaiian Gardens, fellow Commissioners and Staff for all help and support. Due to residency, Commission Mason can no longer serve the commission. This will take effect January 31, 2018.

## **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 DECEMBER 2017.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** *Approve as Presented*

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Amaro pulled item B3. Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve item B1, approve as presented & receive and file, item B2. Commissioner Rico seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner Amaro questioned the four percent liability trust fund on the animal care and control invoice for the month of December. Staff responded that the trust is a liability insurance for the contract services. The city also pays this amount to the county for the Sheriff's Department or the county's public works. City Manager added, this amount is paid by every contract city and it gets evaluated and fluctuates year by year. The county will notify the city of the amount that is required to be paid yearly.

Commissioner Amaro questioned who holds the trust fund, the county or the city? City Manager responded the funds are held by a third party insurance company.

Commissioner Mason questioned the amount, \$4,295.00, a good estimate of a average monthly. Staff responded that the amount fluctuates depending on the activity which includes: county staffing, the licenses revenue deduction and the canvassing. All these are factors which make the invoice fluctuate monthly.

Commissioner Amaro asked if during the canvassing, the officers have a list of dogs and cats in the city. Staff responded yes. In addition, commissioner Amaro asked why the trust fund was different every month on the monthly report. Staff replied that the cost is a percentage of the cost. It changes depending on the cost of the bill.

Commissioner Amaro made a motion to receive and file item B3. Commissioner Mason seconded. Motion passed.

### **C. STAFF REPORTS**

None at this time.

### **D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **4. Public Safety Commission Re- Organization and Commissioner Terms of Appointment**

Commissioner Chair Re-Organization will happen at the next month's meeting in February. During this time, nominations for Chair and Vice Chair will occur. Staff was also notified by City Clerk, Commissioners' Rico and Mason's appointment expires March 2018. The City Clerk needs a letter of intent to be submitted before March 2018 on intentions on remaining a Public Safety Commissioner. Staff will also notify the Mayor of the vacancy.

#### **General Informational Updates:**

The Block Clean-up has been scheduled for next month March. Further details will be provided at the next month's meeting.

The 2018 Homeless Count will be held next Wednesday, January 24, 2018. If any commissioner is interested in volunteering please inform Staff. This is a visual count with no interactions with the individuals.

Homeless Coalition Meeting has been scheduled for February 15, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Public Safety Center. This is an update on our new community outreach workers who will be introduced to the coalition group. Also, a recap on how to obtain services for single adults, children and family will be discussed.

### **E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Amaro questioned the decorative lamps on Carson St. near Jack in the Box appear not to working or is work still taking place? City Manager responded, the project has not been turned over to the city meaning they are still testing and not

everything works yet. Technically, right now they are not complete and not working at the moment.

Commissioner Amaro would like Chairmember Meraz for informational purposes, be given a copy of the Marijuana Ordinance 563 amending Chapter 5.25 - Marijuana Dispensaries established on our Municipal Code. The reason for the request, Commissioner Amaro was made aware on December 31, 2017, that there was an active Marijuana dispensary on 12120 1/2 Centralia Rd. in Hawaiian Gardens. Commissioner Amaro submitted this information to Community Development and from his knowledge, the dispensary is no longer there.

City Manager responded to Commissioner Amaro's report and thanked him for the tip. With the assistance of the Sheriff's and Public Safety Staff, they managed to evict the owner who cooperated through the process in 3 days. State Laws allows the cities to sign agreements of dispensaries or cultivation and individuals own up to six plants. The City however, has a zero tolerance on dispensaries or cultivation. Other than personal use, there will not be any dispensaries permitted.

Commissioner Amaro would like to know if the City can implement a day where residents can drop off dead Christmas Trees after the holidays. Commissioner Amaro seen several dead trees and these can be a hazard. Staff informed commission that usually the trash company requests Christmas Trees to be put out the night before trash day. As far as apartment complexes, Staff in not sure. In addition, this is contractual issue and response toward this might need to take time.

Commissioner Mason would also like to address a problem occurring on her property regarding individuals who are smoking and congregating. Commissioner Mason asked Sgt. Maese if it was possible to have them moved if she calls to report it? Sgt. Maese replied, yes. In addition, Commissioner Mason would like to address vandalism, gang activity, and racial tension that have been occurring in the apartment complex lately. Sgt. Maese commented that Sheriff Deputies are aware and handling the situation. Staff responded that any graffiti on city property has been removed.

Commissioner Rico is saddened to hear about the recent gang activity raising once again. Commissioner Rico feels we need to take a look at our recreational programs and activities that we provide for our youth. Commissioner Rico believes we need to keep our youth busy with activities such as sports as a way out. Commissioner Rico highly recommends looking at our recreational department to try and keep kids out of trouble.

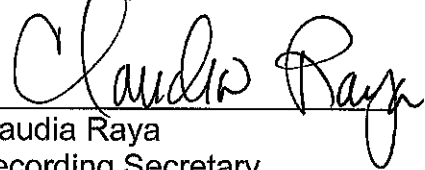
Commissioner Rico would also like to address the continuing problem of bulky items or trash placed outside on sidewalks. Commissioner Rico continues by saying that the City should take a different approach toward bulky items. City Manager responded, what the City has done is give out warnings however, at the moment the City does not have much authority. The rules will need to change. City Manager has proposed having the City Attorney attend the next commission meeting and discuss laws and city regulations in terms of addressing bulky items in the City. Also, the City is at the final

stages of hiring Public Safety Officers who's responsibilities will include parking enforcement, code violations.

Chair member Meraz would like to wish Commissioner Mason the best of luck on her new journey.

**F. ADJOURNMENT** to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on February 21, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Claudia Raya  
Recording Secretary

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Mario Rico  
Chairmember

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Claudia Raya