

MINUTES
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission is hereby called to order on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 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	PRESENT
	VICE CHAIRMEMBER	PEDRO AMARO	PRESENT
	COMMISSIONER	LIZET MENDOZA	PRESENT
	COMMISSIONER	BERTHA MERAZ	ABSENT
	COMMISSIONER	BARBARA LAUGHLIN	PRESENT

Also, in attendance, Recording Secretary, Claudia Raya, Commission Liaison, Linda Suniga, Public Safety Officer, Jose Loera, Public Works Executive Assistant, Ramie Torres, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, Robert Salazar and with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Maese.

For the record, Commissioner Meraz requested to be excused from the meeting. In addition, Human Resources Manager, Patrick Matson was unable to attend the meeting due to a out of town conference he had to attend.

Vice Chair Amaro made a motion to excuse Commissioner Meraz from the meeting. Commissioner Mendoza seconded. Motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS

Sgt. Maese presented to the Commission, the 2018 State of Public Safety- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department PowerPoint presentation. Sgt. Maese answered all Commission's questions.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None at this time

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Approve as Presented*

2. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CRIMES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2018.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File*

3. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2018.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File*

Vice Chair Amaro made a motion to receive the consent calendar in its entirety. Commissioner Mendoza seconded. Motion passed.

ORAL STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported on the donation boxes that were brought up in discussion at last month's meeting. A request has been made with the City Attorney to review the municipal code to possibly have donation boxes removed. Also, a second request has been made with Community Development to open a case against the property owner because the property needs to be maintained.

Also, staff informed the Commission on the new Senate Bill 946 that passed, regarding street vendors and the process to obtain a permit to sale. This new law will take effect January 2019. Our City Attorney has been made aware and will be reviewing on our Municipal Code to be in compliance with the new legislation.

Chair Rico recommended that pamphlets be created to inform and educate vendors of the process and requirements to obtain a business license.

Public Works Executive Assistant informed the Commission that all commercial and residential bulky items will be picked up on Saturdays. Staff answered all of the Commission's questions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. YAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Sgt. Maese & Staff informed the Commission on updates with YAL program. The YAL room has new custom painted walls, 4 computer desk tops with chairs, new tile floor will be installed soon and 4 computers have been purchased.

5. PANHANDLING

The City is looking into using positive signs for panhandling. Staff will be contacting other cities who are using these signs to find out how much of an impact the signs have had. These signs could be recommended for City Council's consideration.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fun Run, Saturday, September 29, 2018, @ Fedde Sports Complex
- Neighborhood Safety Meeting, Wednesday, October 5, 2018, 6:00pm @ Clarkdale Park
- Clarkdale Skate Park & Splash Pad Grand Opening, Date: October 13, 2018, Time is to be determined.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Vice Chair Amaro would like a report of the citations that have been issued by our Public Safety Officers. In addition, Vice Chair Amaro would like the new engineer to look into possibly adding a crosswalk on Devlin and 226th St. Lastly, Vice Chair Amaro would like the City Engineer to take a look at the corner of 214th St. and Belshire Ave. and possibly make that a 3-way stop.

Commissioner Mendoza reported, the Horst street sign is still missing. Commissioner Mendoza commented on attending the Neighborhood Safety Meeting to express how well attended the meeting was and how much everyone enjoyed the new format.

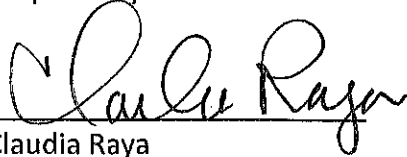
Commissioner Laughlin also commented on the Neighborhood Safety Meeting and how great it was to see more residents participate. Commissioner Laughlin brought up an issue that occurred to her. While Commissioner Laughlin was not home, someone opened her home gate and her dogs got out. Luckily, her dogs were found. Commissioner Laughlin is not sure if this is something that is happening in the neighborhood or it just happened to her. In addition, Commissioner Laughlin wanted to express her concern regarding vehicles from residents who are just parking at the senior parking lot and not going in to the facilities, limits parking for staff. Staff replied that it is a public parking lot and vehicles are allowed to park, just not overnight. Another item discussed was homeless individuals drinking and sleeping on the sidewalk near main streets like Carson and Norwalk. This can be a safety concern because they are so close to the street. Lastly, on Norwalk and 211th St. there is a pole that is bent due to an accident, but it has been there over a week.

Chair Rico questioned if motor deputies are still patrolling. Sgt. Maese answered, yes. Also, there is a box spring and TV set on 226th and it has been there for weeks. Chair Rico requested the Public Safety Officers phone numbers again. Lastly, Chair Rico asked Sgt. Maese the legalities of marijuana and its use.

Commissioner Laughlin questioned if Public Safety would be hiring staff for evenings. Staff answered yes, that is something we are looking into. In addition, we are also looking into hiring an additional Public Safety Officer during the day and additional staff at the front counter to provide more consistent coverage.

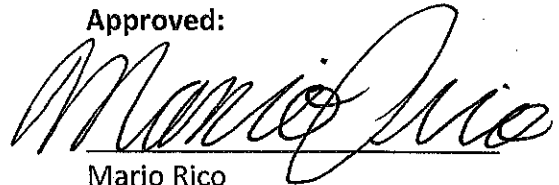
ADJOURNMENT to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on October 17, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:



Claudia Raya
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Mario Rico
Chairmember

Attest:



Claudia Raya