

MINUTES

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION February 22, 2017

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, February 22, 2017 at 6:05 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairmember Valerie Mason

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	CHAIRMEMBER	VALERIE MASON
	VICE CHAIRMEMBER	LIZET MENDOZA
	COMMISSIONER	PEDRO AMARO
	COMMISSIONER	BERTHA MERAZ
	COMMISSIONER	MARIO RICO

The Acting Recording Secretary Claudia Ortiz, Executive Assistant did the roll call and announced a quorum. Also in attendance, Linda Suniga, Commission Liaison and Ernie Hernandez, City Manager.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

Staff opened the floor for nominations for Chairmember. It was moved by Commissioner Amaro to vote Bertha Meraz as Chairmember. Motion was 2nd by Chairmember Mason. All in favor. Motion passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Mason to vote Vice Chairmember Mendoza as Vice Chairmember. Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Rico. All in favor. Motion passed.

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.

None at this time

A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: RESOLUTION NO 008-2017: INSTALLATION OF 40FT OF RED CURB ON THE WEST SIDE OF JUAN AVE. AT CARSON STREET FROM 30 FEET BEGINNING OF THE CURB RETURN TO 70 FT SOUTHERLY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE CURB RETURN WAS APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

Commissioner Mason questioned if other curbs were being studied as well or were they just going to be addressed as they are brought up or requested. Commissioner also suggested for staff to cruise through the city and survey other problematic curbs.

Staff advised the question and request would be forwarded to the City Engineer. Other similar concerns have been brought up, however, parking is limited in the city and we do not want to restrict the parking unless absolutely necessary.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

- THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File*

- THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CITY MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File,*

Commissioner Pedro Amaro motioned to receive and file the consent calendar in its entirety, Commissioner Mason 2nd, All were in favor, motion passed.

C. STAFF REPORTS

None at this time

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Results of the Los Angeles County ' Homeless Street Count'

Staff gave an update, on January 24, 2017, Tuesday evening at 8:00pm, City of Hawaiian Gardens participated in the "Los Angeles Homeless Street Count". This was coordinated by LAHSA which is a part City of Los Angeles and part Los Angeles County organization. They

have been doing homeless street counts annually for several years, however, in recent years other cities have been getting involved and doing their own counts under LAHSA's guidelines. About 12 individuals assisted with the physical count. It was made up by Public Works staff, Law Enforcement and Volunteers. The benefit of having public works staff assist was because they usually drive around city everyday and they know where individuals are usually located. Volunteers consisted of church members and they too also know the locations. Dandy DePaula, was one of the volunteers who is really engaged in serving the homeless. He usually hands out blankets among other items to the homeless on a weekly basis. Lastly, Officer McCarty, has been very helpful with community service issues. Last year 4 homeless individuals were counted, this year 26 individuals. In addition to the 26 individuals, 11 tents or make shift shelters, 23 cars, van or RV's. Measure H is to provide additional funding, this is a 10 year, with a quarter cent increase on our sales tax.

- Update on the Town Hall Meeting – Public Safety at Lee Ware

Staff gave an update in regards to the Town Hall Meeting. Town Hall Meeting was held on January 11, 2017 to discuss public safety and related issues at Lee Ware Park. Modifications will be made to park services and its operations. Human Services will increase of outdoor activities and increase monitoring of park at various times during hours of operation. Reinforce staff directives to report all destructive or disruptive activities. Public Works will have high priority on graffiti removal. If necessary, staff will be called on the weekends to remove graffiti. Fence separating the park from coyote creek has been repaired; the opening on the park to the creek has been closed. Pedestrians and bicyclist still have access available at the south end. Edison and city lighting issues have been addressed. Moreover, Public Safety, there has been an increase on additional sheriffs patrolling. Calls made to the Sheriff's station have decreased and additional time has been devoted to parking and traffic enforcement. Lastly, The Capital Improvement Committee is recommending installments of a wooden patio cover at Lee Ware Park, added security cameras and improving of lighting.

- Intersection of 226th / Devlin; PSC Meeting 11/16/16 Agenda Item C1

Staff informed about the installing of a crosswalk on 226th Street at the intersection of Devlin. The installment of the crosswalk was denied due to adding a crosswalk without any warrants or justification would place the City under adverse liability which may or would be indefensible.

- Intersection of 214th / Belshire; Review for 3-Way Stop

In regards to installing a 3-Way Stop, it has been denied. According to our City Engineer, there is a dip at the intersection which is designed to slow cars down. Also, adding a stop will increase noise for residences in and or nearby the stop signs. On several occasions, our City Engineer has driven on 214th ST and has also observed during school dismissal and has not seen any impact on children.

- Upcoming Events

1. Neighborhood Safety Meeting- March 1st, 6:00pm @ Lakewood Mobile Estates
2. Neighborhood Block Cleanup – March 11th, on 226th near Hawaiian Elementary
3. Pet Vaccination Clinic – March 15th, 6:00-8:00 @ City Hall
4. Safe Communities Month – March 8th and 22nd, Lee Ware & Clarkdale Parks

E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Rico wants to thank the Public Works Department for removing graffiti quickly. He shared his concern with the RVs that appear to be parked permanently in locations throughout the city and that it appears people are living inside the RV's.

Commissioner Amaro

Reports illegal dumping continues to be seen on Belshire Avenue in front of the multi unit complexes. Reports it to City and PW picks it up, but the dumping continues. Also now in front on the newly vacant Jim's Burgers and requests the City consider increasing enforcement, if possible. He also reports metal trash behind Zion Market because it looks dangerous.

Requests staff research the speed limit on Norwalk Blvd. because he recalls it was modified to 35mph and the sign shows 40 mph.

Requested the City consider a Public Information Campaign to educate the Public on using the push-button Pedestrian Safety devices at crosswalks.

Wants an update on the request for a red curb on Hawaiian Avenue requested by the HOA at a previous commission meeting.

Inquired about the n/e corner of Belshire and Carson and whether or not it should be painted red consistent with the other 3 corners at this intersection.

Commissioner Amaro is interested in attending training related to public safety, such as contract cities events.

Reports gates and fencing in flood channel in need of repair, he will report to PW to report to County.

Commissioner Mason

Thank you to PW for assistance with graffiti removal

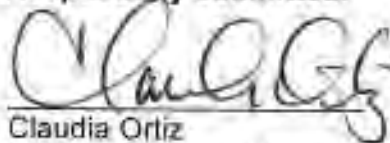
Vice Chair Mendoza

Requested 4th of July concerns with fireworks be included on the next agenda in order to discuss and recommend to council before the holiday gets here.

F. ADJOURNMENT

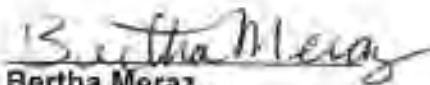
There being no further business, Chairmember Bertha Meraz adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm until the next scheduled Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Claudia Ortiz
Acting Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Bertha Meraz
Chairmember

Attest:



Claudia Ortiz
Acting Recording Secretary