

MINUTES

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AUGUST 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens was called to order by Chairmember Mason on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairmember Mason

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

The recording secretary Melissa Valdez, Executive Assistant, announced a quorum. Also in attendance Linda Suniga, Administrative Analyst, Bashir Martin, TV/Webmaster, and Levi Sun from the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF A VIDEO BY BASHIR MATIN, CITY TV/WEBMASTER, OF RECENT SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CITY

Staff gave a video presentation of the special events the City had scheduled.

PRESENTATION BY LEVY SUN, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT: UPDATE ON WEST NILE AND ZIKA VIRUSES

Levi Sun from the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District presented himself as a representative from his district to the Public Safety Commission. A few weeks back we did a presentation for the City Council on the West Nile Virus and Zika. Our district not only handles Hawaiian Gardens but also handles another 34 cities as well. Today we are here to do a follow up on West Nile and Zika Viruses. Not only are we here today for a brief update, but also to give some insight as to what we are dealing with and answer any questions that the Commission may have regarding this public health issue.

There are three invasive species classified as Aedes, Asian Tiger Mosquito, Yellow Fever Mosquito, and Australian Backyard Mosquito. These species are a public health concern throughout the US, including California. These mosquitoes adapt very well to urban environments (cities). Once introduced, they can thrive in our neighborhoods. While the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is working hard to fight these invasive insects, we can't do it alone.

All mosquitoes need stagnant, dirty water to go through their life cycles! When the temperature is warm, the mosquito can develop from egg to adult in 7-10 days. During the summer, we can see mosquitoes completing their life cycles in about 5 days! This is why our vector ecologists and vector control specialists act fast to respond to service requests. Waiting a week or two can mean thousands of a new mosquitoes emerging in our communities, which can increase all of our risk of getting a vector-borne disease, like West Nile virus.

The difference between the Aedes and Culex mosquitos is that Aedes bite during the day as well as night time, as where the Culex (native to California) favor the early evening and evening for activity. These mosquitos are known to carry Dengue, Yellow Fever, Zika Virus and the painful Chikungunya Virus. Humans are not exempt from being bitten by Aedes/Culex and are the preferred source of feeding.

One in five people infected with West Nile virus will develop symptoms, which include fever, headache and body aches, nausea, a skin rash, and/or swollen lymph nodes. These symptoms can last several weeks to months. In severe cases, WNV neurological symptoms may occur as a result of encephalitis, meningitis, and meningoencephalitis. Severe symptoms may include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, paralysis, and possibly death. The time between the mosquito bite and the onset of illness ranges from 5 to 15 days in humans. If you start exhibiting signs of illness after a mosquito bite, contact your physician.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS ON OR OFF THE AGENDA

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

There was no one wishing to address the Commission at this time.

A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

1. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** ORDINANCE NO. 564
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.66 OF TITLE 9 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING MASSAGE PARLORS

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

Staff addressed the Commission on the informational item and on City Council Action.

Assembly Bill 1147 was passed by the California Legislature and signed by Governor Brown on September 18, 2014. AB 1147 revised the previously enacted Massage Therapy Act (Business and Professions Code Section 4600, et seq.) increasing the ability of local authorities to regulate the business of massage. AB 1147 allows cities to regain authority with regard to controlling massage businesses. The City of Hawaiian Gardens adopted the current version of the Massage

Ordinance in 2012. Since then, the State law has changed twice and the number of massage businesses in the City has increased.

The Massage Ordinance requires all individual massage therapists to be licensed by the State. In addition, all massage business owner are required to obtain an Operator's Permit from the City and comply with listed health and building standards to maintain the safety and welfare of the community.

Pursuant to the restrictions in State law, the proposed ordinance places requirements on the operation on all massage establishments in the City. Some of these restrictions include posting the Operator's Permit and certificates of massage therapists, maintaining records of service maintaining appropriate business hours, and prohibiting alcohol in the establishment unless otherwise licensed by the State Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.

The proposed ordinance also regulates the massage establishment facility. The front door of the business must remain unlocked during business hours unless only one employee is present. The establishment must have a lobby, and the visibility into the lobby area through the front exterior windows shall not be blocked or darkened. The massage establishment must provide clean towels and linens and therapist must be fully clothed at all times.

All existing massage establishments must comply with the terms of the ordinance within six months from the date it is passed.

The Commissioners inquired as to when the City will begin to enforce the law. Also what will the penalties will violators face in they fail to comply with the regulations. And what is the progression before it gets the business license is revoked.

Staff informed the Commission that the ultimate penalty for business violation according to the Municipal Code is the revoke of their business license. The City has also modified the business license regulations in order to comply with the Municipal Code. Furthermore, the progression falls under the City's code enforcement and law enforcement should a continuum of violations fail to comply.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Mendoza second by Commissioner Amaro to receive and file Information Item on Ordinance No. 564. All in favor. Motion passed.

1. FIREWORKS MEMO: COPY OF THE MEMO DATED 7/21/16 TO THE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING A RECAP OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION'S DISCUSSION ON ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

Staff prepared and forwarded a summary of the Commission's discussion and suggestions on illegal fireworks. There was no reportable action by the City Council and City Council directed staff to research the matter.

SUMMARY OF MEMO FORWARD TO COUNCIL: The Public Safety Commission discussed Fireworks during the Regular Public Safety Commission meeting held July 20, 2016. The Commissioners discussed concerns and options for Council to consider relating to the use of illegal fireworks in the City.

Staff addressed the Commission with the following to fireworks.

The following concerns were discussed relating to the use of illegal fireworks that extends far beyond the period of the holiday (before and after). This illegal activity does present a dangerous risk of injury especially with children. There is also a risk factor of fire and pets suffering. This has become a scare and disruptive illegal fireworks activity especially late at night when residents are sleeping.

Options to address the illegal fireworks, included, increasing Sheriff's patrolling units along with City code enforcement. Another possibility is including motorcycles and/or bicycles enforcement during the holiday period.

Inquiry with the Sheriff's Department about additional options, such as "shotspotter.com", which is technology used in other cities by law enforcement for pinpointing the location of gunfire and fireworks. And additional option for a source or solution would be to network with the Fire Department (if applicable). And finally the final option would be banning fireworks.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Mendoza seconded by Commissioner Meraz to receive and file Information Item A2. All in favor. Motion passed.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

There are no items on the Consent Calendar at this time.

C. STAFF REPORTS

No Staff Reports at this time.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. UPDATE: Edison Street Light Repairs

The City has been in communication with Edison in regard to the delay in street light repairs. According to Edison, the delay was due to the damages being a result of continuous vandalism. Edison's policy on repeated vandalism is to recommend a street shield also referred to as a vandal guard or bullet proof glass be installed. The City does not wish to install bullet proof casings because in the past bullet proof casings were vandalized by using higher caliber weapons. Edison indicated this is the same experience other cities have reported after installing the bullet proof casings. Both the City and Edison agreed that future repairs will be initiated quickly and with standard casings (not bullet proof).

2. UPDATE: Citywide Street Sweeping

At a previous Commission meeting it was requested the City look into street sweeping each side of the street on different days to provide more parking options. Staff reported back that due to the size of the City and expense involved, it would not be feasible to split the street sweeping schedule over two days. Additionally, there is a designated staff member that follows behind the street sweeper for safety precaution and code enforcement.

3. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Neighborhood Watch Meeting – September 7th @ 6pm Public Safety Center
- Patriot Day – September 11th @ 8:30am Public Safety Center
- Block Cleanup – September 17th at 214th Street & Juan Avenue
- Gang Injunction Meeting – September 20th @ 6pm Council Chambers

The upcoming event for Patriot Day will be an honorary program and all Commissioners are invited to attend.

Also the Gang Injunction Meeting will be open to the public and televised as well. This will give residents and the public an opportunity to ask questions and get answers from the District Attorney's office, Sheriff's Department and City staff.

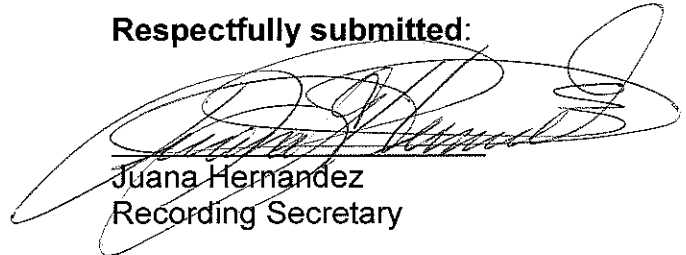
E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Both Vice Chairmember Mendoza and Commissioner Amaro stated that staff did a great job for the National Night Out event. The Lakewood Sheriff's Captain was there and socialized fantastically with the children. It was noted that City Hall staff and the assigned recreation staff did a wonderful job for this special event.

F. ADJOURNMENT

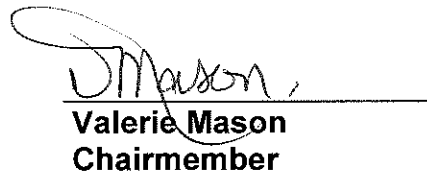
There being no further business Chairperson Mason adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on September 21, 2016 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:



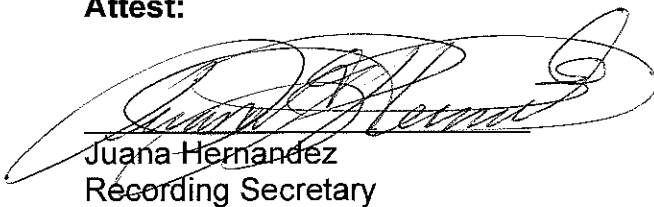
Juana Hernandez
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Valerie Mason
Chairmember

Attest:



Juana Hernandez
Recording Secretary