

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**JULY 20, 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, July 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairmember Mason

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

The recording secretary Ramie Lepe announced a quorum. Also in attendance Interim City Manager, Linda Hollinsworth, City Attorney, Kendra Carney, and Linda Suniga, Administrative Analyst.

Noted for the record, Sergeant Thomas Maese will not be in attendance for this evening.

**A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

1. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: A REQUEST FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON NORWALK BOULEVARD AT TILBURY STREET AND NORWALK BOULEVARD AT 215<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROJECT – FY 2015-2016 – AND AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND SEEK COMPETITIVE BIDS

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

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Mendoza second by Commissioner Amaro to receive and file City Council Report A1. All in favor. Motion passed.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chairperson Mason asked if there were any items to pull.

Commissioner Amaro pulled B3.

1. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORTS FOR APRIL OF 2016

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

2. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORTS FOR MAY OF 2016

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

3. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CITY MONTHLY REPORTS FROM APRIL THRU MAY OF 2016.

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

4. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH OF 2016.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** *Approve, Receive and File*

5. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES APRIL OF 2016.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** *Approve, Receive and File*

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Mendoza second by Commissioner Amaro to receive and file Consent Calendar in its entirety. (excluding B3). All in favor. Motion passed.

After a brief discussion on Consent Calendar B3, it was moved by Commissioner Amaro second by Vice Chairperson Mendoza to receive and file Consent Calendar items B3. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **C. STAFF REPORTS**

No Staff Reports at this time.

### **D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. UPDATES ON ITEMS RAISED BY THE COMMISSION
  - Traffic Enforcement

The City has contracted with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for a motorcycle Deputy to conduct traffic enforcement. The hours of traffic enforcement vary and citations have been issued, primarily for stop signs, traffic signal, and cell phones. The traffic enforcement is done throughout the city in areas of concern. City is going to continue with this enforcement until an evaluation can be made on the need and effectiveness.

- Illegal Dumping & Bulky Item Pickup

The City is continuing to address the issue of illegal dumping. The most recent "Block Clean Up" in May was increased by three staff members to work the clean up in order to

allow the Public Works staff to make a sweep of the city of bulky items dumped and illegal dumping. The announcement of the "Block Clean Up" in the community seems to generate an excessive amount of items left out throughout the city.

Secondly, the City did meet with our disposal contactor Republic, to discuss the bulky dumping. They agreed that there is a problem and agreed to do a sweep of the City back in June. This entailed Republic doing a sweep of the entire City at no charge the day after regular trash pickup which generated 91 separate pickups. Republic will be proposing bulky item pickup service to present to the Interim City Manager for consideration.

- Lighting on Norwalk Blvd. (Agenda Item A1)
- Carson & Arline – corner parking

Update on the Carson & Arline corner parking where the Casino buses parked and made it hard to make a right hand turn. This concern was passed onto the City Engineer so that he can make a recommendation and staff will keep the Commission updated on this item.

- Fireworks

The illegal fireworks have been brought up to the attention of City Council by the city residents and staff. The City Council is committed in reviewing the issue of illegal fireworks.

Brief discussion on the fireworks was discussed among the Commissioners. There was a suggestion of the possibility of banning fireworks. It was also noted that Fresno County uses a device called "Shotspotter.com" to pin point where the shots and/or illegal fireworks are coming from. It was suggested that perhaps the City can consider this particular option.

## 2. UPCOMING EVENTS

- National Night Out – August 2<sup>nd</sup>

The National Night Out will begin with a peace march starting from City Hall and ending at the Public Safety Center. The march will be led by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. There will be a safety fair at the Safety Center with various agencies, along with National Night Out t-shirts for all participants along with a complementary BBQ. National Night Out is celebrated throughout the County and promotes safety in our communities.

- Robert Canada Friendship Pow Wow – August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

## E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Rico expressed concern from resident who have informed him of gang members shooting out street lights along 226<sup>th</sup> Street. It was noted that Commissioner Rico did survey 226<sup>th</sup> Street and confirmed that the street was dark due to the shot out lights.

Staff informed the Commission that these can be referred over to the Public Works Department.

Vice Chairperson Mendoza addressed several concerns in one in regards to street sweeping (street sweeping, code enforcement, and public safety). On the day of street sweeping residents in the morning rush to move their parked vehicles out of the way to avoid getting tickets. This is done after the street sweeper has gone by, and leaving the

street un-swept. It has gotten to the point where residents run in front of the street sweeper creating a dangerous situation.

In other Cities one side of the street gets swept on Tuesday and the other side gets swept on Wednesday. The question asked was if the City has that capability.

Chairperson Mason wanted to thank law enforcement, Interim City Manager, and City Council of coming out to the Neighborhood Watch that was held at the Centralia Apartments.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chairperson Mason adjourned the meeting to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on August 17, 2016 at 6:00pm.

**Respectfully submitted:**

  
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Ramie Lepe  
Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Valerie Mason  
Chairmember

**Attest:**

  
for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ramie Lepe  
Recording Secretary