

## MINUTES

### **CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION NOVEMBER 16, 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, November 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall's Large Conference Room, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairmember Mason

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<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>BERTHA MERAZ</b>

<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>MARIO RICO</b>
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The recording secretary Juana Hernandez, Administrative Specialist announced a quorum. Also in attendance Linda Hollinsworth, Interim City Manager; Linda Suniga, Administrative Analyst; and Sergeant Thomas Maese.

#### **PRESENTATIONS-** Staff Recognition, Commissioners' Presentation

The Public Safety Commission in recognition of staff's dedicated years of service to the Public Safety Commission, a plaque of appreciation was presented to Juana Hernandez, Administrative Specialist.

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#### **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.

Ms. Jan LaPointe, of 12020 226<sup>th</sup> Street, addressed the Commission in regards to the handi-cap and parking conditions. It is acknowledged and greatly appreciated that the curb is to be painted red at the handi-cap ramp. However, disappointment expressed that a crosswalk will not be installed at the corner of Devilin and 226<sup>th</sup> Street. Especially when there is no crosswalk in the area for the handi-cap, elderly, children, or any residents to safely cross. Ms. LaPointe asked that the Commission reconsider the installation of a crosswalk.

**A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

1. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 10/25/16  
AGENDA ITEM B1: ORDINANCE NO. 567 AMENDING TITLE 12, SECTION  
12.20.010 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING  
ANIMALS IN CITY PARKS

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

Staff addressed the Commission. Currently the City of Hawaiian Gardens has signs posted at all parks prohibiting dogs from being present. Staff also works to enforce this rule. However, in reviewing the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code, Section 12.20.010, it prohibits persons from bringing animals of any kind into parks, with the exception of leashed dogs. On September 21, 2016, this matter was presented to the Recreation and Parks Commission. After reviewing the information and the specific section of the Municipal Code, the Commission voted to recommend that dogs not be permitted at the parks except dogs in a designated dog park. The Americans with Disabilities Act Section 28 CFR 35.136 requires that "generally, a public entity shall modify its policies, practices or procedures to permit the use of a service animal by an individual with a disability" so the ordinance also includes language to comply with this requirement. In conclusion, this ordinance amends Section 12.20.010 to clarify that dogs are not permitted at City parks, except for leashed service dogs and dogs in designated dog parks. If the amended ordinance is approved, staff will assure that appropriate signage is visible and will remove the doggie bag dispensers that are currently installed in the City parks.

Vice Chairperson Mendoza inquired as to why this City Council Report was addressed, and if the issue was due to a dog bite or something similar. Also, was it the City's intention to build a dog park?

Staff addressed the Commission. The Acting Interim City Manager stated the following; the parks had doggie bag dispensers, however, in all the city parks there are posted signs saying "Dogs Prohibited". Clarkdale Park has had issue with dogs bothering staff. The contradiction of doggie bag dispensers vs. dogs prohibited generated an evaluation for correction according to the Municipal Code. What was discovered in the evaluation was that leashed dogs can be allowed in the park. This issue was taken to the Recreation Commission for recommendation and forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

There will be new signage put up and the doggie dispensers will be removed. Leashed service dogs will be allowed at the parks. Should there ever be a doggie park, the municipal code will read that there will be dogs allowed.

Commissioner Amaro asked if and when changes in the Ordinance have passed, who and how would it be enforced. Also would this exempt service dogs, and if so how would the determination of a service dog be verified.

Staff informed the Commission that code enforcement or animal control (if needed) would be asked to address any violations.

It was moved by Commissioner Amaro seconded by Chairmember Mason to receive and file City Council Report. All in favor. Motion passed.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Chairmember Mason second by Vice Chairmember Mendoza to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety. All in favor. Motion passed.

1. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CITY MONTHLY  
REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2016

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

2. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

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

3. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTHS OF:
- May 2016
  - July 2016
  - August 2016
  - September 2016
  - October 2016

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

Staff noted there were no minutes for June 2016 because the regular meeting for June 2016 was cancelled.

**C. STAFF REPORTS**

1. REVIEW OF INTERSECTION OF 226<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND DEVLIN AVENUE WITH RESPECT TO HANDICAP RAMPS, TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONDITIONS

**COMMISSION ACTION:** *Approve City Engineer's Recommendation*

Staff addressed the Commission. Commissioner Amaro asked for aerial maps of intersection 226<sup>th</sup> Street and Devlin be provided to the Commissioners and referred to the staff report.

At the City Council meeting of September 2016 a city resident raised a concern regarding a handicap ramp on the south side of 226<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection with Devlin Avenue within a red a red parking zone. She is concerned that the ramp does not lead to a marked delineated crosswalk and is not marked with a red cube which creates a safety issue. Additionally, the intersection of 226<sup>th</sup> and Devlin is a 3-way STOP when Devlin is a dead end at 226<sup>th</sup>. The area can be described as low-density residential. There are two handicap ramps at this intersection – one at the northwest corner and one at the northeast corner. The third handicap ram is located on 226<sup>th</sup> Street just south of and almost directly across the street from the handicap ramp at the northwest corner of the intersection. This is not an intersection with delineated crosswalks. Vehicular traffic volume on both streets in this area is very low. Proper signage for the intersection is in place.

To assess the situation, the City Engineer drove to the location of the ramps at certain times of the day to study the traffic, pedestrian and parking patterns. He found that vehicles frequently park in the red zone thereby blocking the view of the W-1 (two-way) warning sign mounted to the Southern California Edison pole on 226<sup>th</sup> Street. While performing his in-field analysis, the City Engineer did not observe anyone in a wheelchair cross either 226<sup>th</sup> or Devlin.

There is no section of the California Vehicle Code manual of uniform traffic control devices, or Caltrans Manual requiring that a painted crosswalk be provided at an intersection. Regarding public safety at intersections, the presence of a STOP requires that a driver yield to a pedestrian or wheel chair bound person. To assure visibility of the 2-way warning sign on the Edison pole, the south side curb of 226<sup>th</sup> need to be painted red.

It was moved Commissioner Amaro and seconded by Chairmember Mason to send back item C1 to the City Engineer to consider installing a crosswalk along with the red curb 2 feet east from W-1 signage. Also request to bring back this item to the Commission before forwarding to City Council.

## **D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. UPDATE AND RESPONSE:**

- Street Potholes and Repaving

Staff gave an update; This was an item brought up by the Commission at a previous meeting. The City Council had approved a repaving plan to address needed repairs for the roads. Should any of the Commissioners have concerns of potholes, send an email to staff with the address/location and it will be forward to Public Works.

- City Council's Law Enforcement Committee

Staff gave an update; City Council Myra Maravilla suggested should there be concerns in regards to law enforcement, the Commissioners should request to attend the Law Enforcement Committee meetings. The City Council was informed that some of the Public Safety Commissioners were interested in attending the Law Enforcement Committee. The Committee members welcome those Commissioners who wish to attend. Also there are two things that must be made aware of; one-should the Commission have questions regarding law enforcement, that it is always best to present those questions while the Sergeant is present this way he can act on them. Should the Sergeant not be in attendance, as liaison staff will always take these specific concerns to the Acting Interim City Manager; two-inform staff should you want to meet with the City Council's Law Enforcement Committee on law enforcement concerns and staff will make arrangements.

- LASD Lakewood Station Tour

Sergeant Maese extended an open invitation to do a LASD Lakewood Station Tour. This tour will give the Commission an understanding of how the calls are handled and the logistics behind enforcing the law. All the Commission needs to do is let myself and Linda Suniga know what day in December is best.

Staff addressed the Commission. The Public Safety Commission will conduct a short meeting and after the Commission can drive to the Lakewood Station for the Tour. Also, the Commissioners are welcome to go on a ride-along.

The date agreed upon for the LASD Lakewood Station Tour was set for December 6, 2016.

### **2. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> CRL @ 5:00pm
- Holiday Invitation from Bingo Club
- Employee Recognition Dinner, Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. CRL @ 6:00pm

Staff informed the Commission and the Sergeant of the upcoming events. Also the Bingo Club Holiday Invitations were distributed to the Commissioners.

## **E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Amaro addressed the Commission. Commissioner Amaro was in attendance of the Veterans Day Ceremony and found it very moving and enjoyable. Attended the Neighborhood Watch and talked to Councilmember Trimble of his interest in attending the Law Enforcement Committee. Also, inquired if the intersection of 214<sup>th</sup> Street and Belshire could be made a 3-way stop, and if staff can forward this intersection concern to the City Engineer. And finally, there has been red curb parking at Melbourne Elementary, mainly in the area where the crossing guard is stationed. The concern with the red curb parking is that the safety of the children may be at stake.

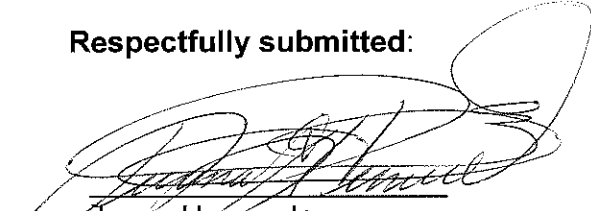
Vice Chairmember Mendoza noted that during the City's special events, vehicles are parked along Civic Center Drive which is red curb and the bike lane.

Staff addressed the Commission. 1-The intersection of 214<sup>th</sup> Street and Belshire concern will be forwarded to the City Engineer. 2-Staff will check to see if cones are being using during the crossing guards working hours. 3-When there are special events held at the Civic Center Complex, parking on Civic Center Drive is permitted in order to meet the needs of vehicle parking.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chairmember Mason adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm to the next scheduled Public Safety Commission Meeting on December 6, 2016 at 6:00pm.

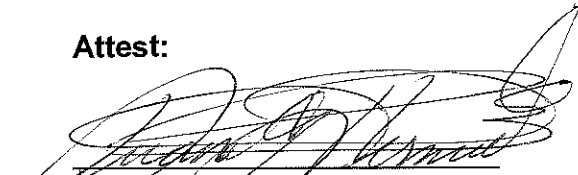
**Respectfully submitted:**

  
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Juana Hernandez  
Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Valerie Mason  
Chairmember

**Attest:**

  
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Juana Hernandez  
Recording Secretary