

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 24, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission was called to order on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, beginning at 6:00pm, at the Public Safety Center, 11940 Carson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairmember Laughlin.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>CHAIRMEMBER</b>	<b>BARBARA LAUGHLIN</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>BERTH MERAZ</b>

All were present. Quorum was announced.

For the record also in attendance, Recording Secretary, Claudia Raya, Commission Liaison, Linda Suniga, Public Safety Officer, Alonzo Verduzco, Administrative Technician, Ramie Torres, with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Maese and Los Angeles County Sherrif's Explorer program, Dana Castro.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Staff presented Explorer Dana Castro to the Commission.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS – None**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2019.

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

2. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CRIMES REPORT FOR MARCH 2019.

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

3. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019.

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

Commissioner Amaro pulled item 1 from the consent calendar. Commissioner Amaro made a motion to receive and file the consent calendar. Vice Chairmember Mendoza seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Item 1: Commissioner Amaro wanted to revise the Minutes from March clarifying the Staff's response during Commissioner's Reports. Commissioner Amaro made a motion to receive and file Item 1 with corrections. Vice Chairmember Mendoza seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

## **ORAL STAFF REPORTS**

4. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Administrative Technician reported that the pole on Norwalk Blvd. that was reported by the Commission is still leaning. The delays have been reported to the City Attorney to assist with the Utility Company because they have not responded to multiple requests by the City. Also, Staff informed the Commission about scam calls claiming to be from Commercial Waste regarding payments not being made. Commercial contacted City Staff to make them aware that it is a scam and to inform residents. In addition, a block clean up will be taking place over the weekend along 226th Street near Hawaiian Elementary. Lastly, Public Works has been surveying fire hydrant red lines throughout the City. Because fire hydrant and red lines are usually handled by the Water Company, if there are too many that need to be re-painted, the Water Company will be contacted.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Public Safety vehicle has been taken to get the MDC frame so the computer can be installed. After that is done, the trucks will be taken to LASD Fleet so the computers can be added. This is a beneficial tool for our PSO's because the MDC allows the PSO's to make direct contact with the Sheriff's Department. The PSO's can request immediate assistance in the event of an emergency, and will

be notified of incidents in the City that may require PSO or PW assistance, i.e.; traffic accident, utility outage, etc. PSO's will be able to place routine calls for service and check license plates on vehicles suspected of being abandoned/inoperable/stolen.

We currently have an open position for Public Safety Officer.

SEAACA has reached out to Hawaiian Gardens; they may be able to add another contract city to receive animal control services.

The final approval for issuing citations for trash can violations has been set to \$35.00. There will be an extensive warning period with a tracking database prior to issuing citations.

Sgt. Maese reported on the Parade and Carnival.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6. Upcoming Events:**

- Neighborhood Safety Meeting  
Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Fedde Sports Complex – Sports and Recreation Safety
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast  
Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 – 10:00am  
21815 Pioneer Blvd. – RSVP Required to [Rosie.Nakashima@gmail.com](mailto:Rosie.Nakashima@gmail.com)
- FREE Spay & Neuter Clinic  
Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am  
Public Safety Center – Appointment Required
- Block Clean - Up  
Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00am – 1:00pm  
226<sup>th</sup> Street, between Belshire & Wardham Avenues

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Vice Chairmember Mendoza commented that it was nice to see the Public Safety booth out at the carnival. Staff was walking around, passing flyers and talking to the community.

Commissioner Amaro would like the City's Marijuana Ordinance placed on the next month's agenda for discussion.

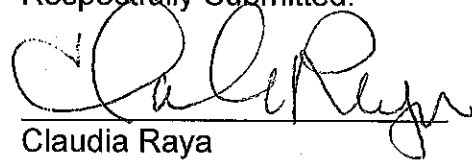
Commissioner Rico noticed the radar trailers and they actually do deter speeding.

Commissioner Meraz has also noticed the radar trailers.

Chairmember Laughlin thanked Sgt. Maese for their hard work and congratulated Los Angeles County Sheriff's Explorer Castro.

**ADJOURNMENT** to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:



Claudia Raya  
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Barbara Laughlin  
Chairmember

Attest:

  
Claudia Raya