

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, and began 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 Chair Laughlin.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>CHAIRMEMBER</b>	<b>BARBARA LAUGHLIN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
	<b>VICE CHAIRMEMBER</b>	<b>LIZET MENDOZA</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>PEDRO AMARO</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>MARIO RICO</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>BERTHA MERAZ</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>

A quorum was announced.

Also in attendance, Sr. Administrative Analyst, Linda Suniga, Public Safety Officers, Verduzco and Monjaraz, Staff Assistant I, Barbara Garcia and Recording Secretary, Mishaun Watkins and with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Maese and Deputy Martinez.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Introduction of new hire Public Safety Officer Monjaraz.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- NONE**

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

1. Informational item from City Council meeting on September 10, 2019, Discussion Item C-5, Speed Study for Norwalk Boulevard from 224<sup>th</sup> Street to 226<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Hawaiian Gardens. Presented and explained by Commissioner Amaro. City Council decided to leave the speed limits the same and readdress this issue in 6 months. New businesses and new home developments may affect this decision in the future and a new survey will be conducted.

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

Commissioner Amaro made a motion to receive and file. Commissioner Bertha Meraz seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

2. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2019.

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

3. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CRIME REPORT FOR JULY 2019.

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

Item number 2 pulled by Commissioner Amaro.

Chairmember Barbara Laughlin made a motion to receive and file the Consent Calendar in its entirety. Motion seconded by Commissioner Amaro. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Amaro pulled item 2 so that an addition may be added to the minutes. He would like the minutes to record his statement during the August meeting about his slip and fall on buckled cement.

Commissioner Amaro made a motion to receive and file Item 2 with this addition added to the minutes.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bertha Meraz. All in favor, motion passed.

## STAFF REPORTS

4. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2019.

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

Update on Animal Care and Control programs given by Sr. Administrative Analyst, Linda Suniga.

Questions Regarding presentation:

Commissioner Amaro asked if Spay and Neuter Clinics will be continuous. Linda Suniga answered that staff would like to continue with Spay and Neuter Clinics and hold them at various locations throughout the city. However, LA County has a difficult time staffing the mobile units.

Chairmember Barbara Laughlin would like to know if it is a requirement that an animal is microchipped before tags can be renewed and if there is a local place that offers low cost vaccinations.

Linda Suniga responded that the County is working hard to make residents responsible for their animals. All animals after a specific age must be microchipped, have vaccinations and be spayed or neutered. There is a local place that offers low cost services in Long Beach.

Commissioner Amaro asked who pays for the vaccinations and would like to know if this expense can be added into the budget. He feels that having these mobile clinic vaccinations has been a success and that it would be great to make it an annual event.

Linda Suniga informed Commissioner Amaro that the City and LA County share the cost for this service and that staff would like this to be a recurring event, however, it is difficult to get the same clinic to come out. Staff will begin looking into other sources that can assist with these services.

Mario Rico suggested that these events be held in the afternoon to get a larger crowd and so that more residents are available to come.

Linda Suniga explained that the events are held in the morning because it takes hours for the services to be completed. The clinic gives the pet owner a 5-hour window for pick up once the pet is dropped off for services.

Commissioner Amaro made a motion to receive and file. Vice Chairmember Lizet Mendoza seconded. All in favor, motion passed

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **5. UPCOMING EVENTS**

Staff updated Commission on the following Upcoming Events:

- Hawaiian Gardens Section 8 waiting list opened on September 10, 2019 and will close on September 26, 2019 at 3PM.
- Block Clean-Up, September 28, 2019 on Civic Center Drive between Arline and Ibex Avenues.
- Neighborhood Safety Group Meeting, October 2, 2019 @ Clarkdale Park, 6:00PM-8:00PM.
- Red Ribbon Walk, October 22, 2019.

Commissioner Amaro would like to mail or hand out flyers to schools for the Block Clean-Up to ensure that parents can take advantage of this service.

Chairmember Barbara Laughlin suggested using PTA meetings to advertise Neighborhood Safety Meetings.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Meraz apologized for being absent at the August meeting. She believes that it is important to report locations where trees are buckling so that accidents can be prevented.

Vice Chair Lizet Mendoza reported that she missed Linda Suniga in her absence and all the information that she provides to the Commission. She shared that Public Safety Officer (PSO) Verduzco is a great PSO. She went on to say that he is very professional and responsive. She feels that the PSO Program, along with the Lakewood Sheriff's Department is awesome.

Commissioner Amaro welcomed the newest Public Safety Officer to the team. He reported a hole that was cut out in a fence at the riverbed. He would like this to be addressed.

Commissioner Rico welcomed the newest Public Safety Officer. He reported that there is trash falling from the palm trees along Civic Center and Pioneer Boulevard. The fruit that these trees produces fall from the branches in front of City Hall and that the trees in front of the Recreation building are making the sidewalk buckle.

Commissioner Rico reported that enforcement has been great in the city, however, drivers stop and park in the middle of the street. Also, trash cans are still being put out too early, making it harder to find parking spaces. He would like to see more enforcement on these issues.

Chairmember Barbara Laughlin welcomed the newest Public Safety Officer.

She would like to see more enforcement on trash, speeding and parking. She sees trash being put out too early. She suggested that a letter be mailed educate residents on what bulky items are and when they can and cannot leave them with the regular trash. Chairmember Laughlin also reported seeing cars parked in the middle of the street and other cars parked hanging out of the driveways and into the street. The flashing lights at the pedestrian walkway are being ignored by drivers, she would like the motorcycle Sheriff's to enforce these areas.

Sergeant Maese reported that Deputy Emerson and his team will patrol the street with the blinking cross walk.

Public Safety Officer Verduzco reported that all Safety Officer vehicles are equipped with up-to-date, state of the art equipment and all Commissioners are welcome to take a look inside the vehicles.

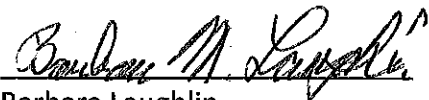
**ADJOURNMENT** to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on October 16, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mishaun Watkins  
Recording Secretary

Approved:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Laughlin  
Chairmember

Attest:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mishaun Watkins  
Recording Secretary