



Minutes – Regular Meeting
Public Safety Commission
Monday, June 16, 2025

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION – 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Public Safety Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Carmichael in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Carmichael, Blair, Gaul, Klainbaum, Escontrias, Skiba, Wodnicki,

Commissioners Absent: None

Officials Present: Stephanie Johnson, Quality of Life Prosecutor
Kyle Lofstrom, Police Officer/Public Safety
Liaison

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Carmichael led in the Salute to the Flag.

Commissioner Gaul asked for a moment of silence for the City's public safety and public service people.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the order of the agenda.

Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS - None

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - None

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

F.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 21, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Gaul, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Officer Lofstrom reported no eComments and one person on Zoom.

Mark Nelson (via Zoom) mentioned he submitted some comments on behalf of the Prospect/Frontage neighborhood regarding the one-way segment of the Frontage Road; noted it runs from Diamond to the intersection across from Beach Cities; stated the comments focused on two safety concerns: 1) the wrong way traffic and 2) lack of visibility into the bus stop at the intersection; spoke of the wrong way traffic basically coming from three sources: 1) repeat offenders, 2) wrong-way drivers such as rideshare service vehicles and personal drop-offs, and 3) wrong-way U-turns that come off Big Prospect; explained that the third source is due to small signage, parking allowed in the T-intersection on the Frontage Road, and cars frequently parked pointed the wrong way down the one-way and mentioned it can be confusing; stated they came up with a couple of solutions: 1) ban parking in the T-intersection, and 2) have directional parking so that the south car is always facing north to send a clear message that traffic comes out of that one-way in that direction; referenced the second issue of the bus stop, mentioned currently parking is allowed in front of the bus stop and that causes a problem because residents can't see what is going on in the bus stop; listed several issues that occur at the bus stop including: late night patient dumping, physical and mental health events, unhoused with large dogs, and LA County just notified the City of a child predator investigation in that area; stated they are asking that a 20-foot stripe of red curb be painted there so that the bus stop can meet the USC study, that visibility is a key attribute of safety at a bus stop, and be transparent 24/7; spoke of needing the Commission's help and review.

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Gaul, to extend Mark Nelson's time by 30 seconds.

Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Mark Nelson reported they are also working with the PWSC to get speed bumps and working with the City on a sound wall and guard rails; mentioned it has been a multifaceted effort by the Frontage neighbors and would appreciate any help the Commission could provide.

Officer Lofstrom reported no one else online and no eComments.

Chair Carmichael mentioned that if Mark Nelson wanted to send anything to them, they can receive it but they cannot engage in discussion.

Officer Lofstrom reported he received an email with some material, but it was from Public Works and he would meet with the Commission later.

Discussion followed on making a referral to staff regarding the issue.

Jim Mueller, District 5, stated he had two safety items; spoke of freedom of speech and the intention of it; felt there is protected speech and there is unlawful speech and felt Andras Turda, who calls himself Andy Porkchop, crossed that line at the last City Council meeting on Tuesday by what he said and by the manner of which he said it; commended the PD for not taking him down in a public meeting that is recorded but felt something should be done to restrict and restrain nonresident speakers, such as Mr. Turda, at Council meetings; spoke of Artesia Blvd being surrounded by residents with high median incomes and that the area should be an attractive location for a higher class and larger size of business than what is there; mentioned the AACAP was adopted 5 years ago but has not been implemented and its future is in doubt; reported doing his own mini survey and the results were that people preferred to spend time at Manhattan Village, Del Amo Mall, or at Hermosa Pier and the major reason is those are all isolated from traffic; provided more details on why people would not spend time there even with AACAP improvements, stating the unsafe traffic conditions make families uncomfortable; mentioned he has a plan to improve public safety on Artesia and provide an environment where the community feels comfortable spending time patronizing and will also reward the City with improved tax revenue if the Commission wanted to receive and file it.

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Gaul, to receive and file the plan submitted by Jim Mueller.

Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

I.1. DISCUSSION REGARDING REQUESTING CITY MANAGER/CITY STAFF TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON ITEMS IN 24/25 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET THAT PERTAIN TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Carmichael reported that the 2-24-25 Budget was passed but the Commission

can submit information and/or invite the City Manager to go through some of the Public Safety items, so they are going to keep the invitation open for him to come back and report out.

Officer Lofstrom reported no eComments and no one online.

**I.2. DISCUSSION REGARDING LIST OF TOPICS PROVIDED BY
COUNCILMEMBER NILS NEHRENHEIM DURING NOVEMBER REGULAR
MEETING**

Motion by Commissioner Wodnicki, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to remove Item I.2.

Commissioner Blair asked if all the items on the list have been addressed.

Chair Carmichael stated they were not addressed but dispersed; noted, as Commissioner Wodnicki said, they moved them into agenda items for referrals at future meetings.

Vote by Roll Call:

AYES:	Chair Carmichael, Blair, Gaul, Klainbaum, Escontrias, Skiba, Wodnicki
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion carried 7-0.

**I.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY MEMO TO
CITY COUNCIL REGARDING TRUCK ROUTE MATTER WITH THE CITY OF
TORRANCE**

Chair Carmichael stated they are only waiting on Ryan Liu to come back and inform the Commission of what was done with their recommendations.

Officer Lofstrom informed the Commission that the City stated they will be taking all the issues up exclusively with the PWSC regarding this item.

Commissioner Gaul asked if the City feels that the PWSC is more qualified on this topic than Public Safety; mentioned the Commission has a quality engineer from Aerospace, a retired LAPD lieutenant, a private investigator, an HR specialist, somebody that works in NGO management, a rent control person from Santa Monica, and he works in medical device manufacturing.

Officer Lofstrom did not feel that was the case; based on what they communicated with

him, he explained they just felt this item dealt more with traffic engineering and they did not want to duplicate work and would take it up with PWSC and allow the Public Safety Commission to focus on public safety services such as Police and Fire.

Commissioner Wodnicki asked if the direction came from City Council.

Officer Lofstrom responded that it came from the Public Works staff.

Commissioner Blair pointed out that this was originally raised as a Public Safety issue from the community and they came here to present it.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Chair Carmichael to allow the City to work with the PWSC on this item but request a copy of the presentations, a copy of the roadmap of the work that is being done so it is not duplicative but keeps the Public Safety Commission informed; noted the City committed to the community in this Commission.

Motion died for a lack of a second.

Officer Lofstrom said he can send them all their agendas.

Commissioner Escontrias voiced his concern that the community came to them; felt this will always be a law enforcement type of concern regardless of the studies the City does; stated he would like to know the reason/explanation that staff gave for their decision; requested that the reason be put in writing from them to ensure the argument was logical and the Commission can discuss it; noted he was uncomfortable with the way it was delivered to them and felt an explanation from the City was necessary; stated he has no issue if the explanation is logical but they still owe it to the community and the Commission to explain the reasons and to update them on progress.

Amended motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by, for the City to cc the Public Safety Commission on the work they submit to PWSC.

Commissioner Blair commented that, with Jim Mueller coming to speak to them tonight, the community clearly views this Commission as having responsibility around traffic, traffic safety, traffic enforcement, so while PWSC is responsible for the implementation of the solutions, the community is looking at the Public Safety Commission for the answers and to help drive those answers.

Commissioner Wodnicki suggested that Council create an advisory committee or oversight committee made up of members from the PWSC and the Public Safety Commission since there is crossover; noted that would honor and respect the members of the community who have been coming to the meetings for three years and the discussion can be relayed back to their own commissions.

Chair Carmichael summarized the Commission's first motion as, City staff copies the Public Safety Commission on all communication and work being done on this item with the PWSC; felt it was evergreen because no matter the outcome of the other two, the Commission is being copied.

Officer Lofstrom, being the liaison for the Public Safety Commission, stated he can just provide the Commission with all the information associated with the item.

Commissioner Escontrias stated he was not comfortable not having a formal recommendation for the information; explained if they are not direct in their request for information then it could fall through the cracks and/or the item may get lost and nothing ever gets done; noted that having Officer Lofstrom pass on the information puts him in the middle.

Chair Carmichael suggested that they keep this as a recurring K.1 item for Officer Lofstrom.

Officer Lofstrom stated the Commission can not order City staff to do things, but they can request information from City staff; mentioned they can make a motion to request the information; pointed out it is also publicly available.

More discussion followed.

Commissioner Escontrias voiced his concerns regarding the chain of command; mentioned that if the Commission recommended to Council, Council could then order staff to do things.

Officer Lofstrom said he knows what they are looking for and is willing to provide it for the Commission.

Commissioner Escontrias stated he preferred having a paper trail for it.

Chair Carmichael stated Commissioner Escontrias objections are noted; suggested they should try to obtain the information through Officer Lofstrom and, if it does not work to their satisfaction, then they can pursue it more directly.

Motion by Chair Carmichael to add to K.1 that Officer Lofstrom will update the Commission on the meetings and information from the PWSC and the City regarding item I.3.

Commissioner Skiba stated Council has said that the Public Safety Commission has not brought them anything and suggested, in writing, the Commission help them understand that they are working on things and need their assistance on some matters.

Chair Carmichael noted that there are only two motions that will be made considering the discussion earlier; asked Commissioner Wodnicki to make her motion.

Discussion followed on the wording of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Wodnicki, seconded by Commissioner Gaul, to recommend City Council create a joint subcommittee made up of members of the Public Works and Sustainability Commission and members of the Public Safety Commission instead of only working with the PWSC regarding Item I.3.

Vote by Roll Call:

AYES:	Chair Carmichael, Blair, Klainbaum, Escontrias, Skiba, Wodnicki
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Gaul

Motion carried 6-0-1. Commissioner Gaul abstained.

Officer Lofstrom reported no eComments and no one online.

I.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADVISORY ACTION REGARDING REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE 5-1.200, CONCERNING LICENSING OF DOGS

Commissioner Escontrias said that his understanding of I.4 was there would be a greater review of it and opened it up to discussion for those that had questions concerning the advisory action since that is why they tabled it.

Chair Carmichael asked if Commissioner Escontrias would be writing up the advisory action.

Commissioner Escontrias stated they have already done that, and it was submitted; clarified that a draft was submitted but wanted to make sure it was reviewed, especially by the City Attorney's office.

Motion by Chair Carmichael to have Officer Lofstrom circulate the draft to all the Commissioners and have any additional edits turned in by Wednesday and if no edits are needed, then Officer Lofstrom will submit the document to City Council.

Motion died for lack of a second.

More discussion followed.

Commissioner Wodnicki pointed out the reason they had tabled this last time was so everyone could read the draft and have a discussion on it at this meeting; urged the Commissioners to read the drafts sent prior to meetings so they can discuss and take action on it instead of continually tabling it.

Chair Carmichael explained his understanding of the process and figured out where the confusion happened; stated they are continuing it to next month and they will act on formalizing the document for submission.

Motion by Commissioner Escontrias, seconded by Chair Carmichael, to continue Item I.4 until next month to give sufficient time for the review of the verbiage of the ordinance as the Commission will present it as a recommendation to the City Council.

Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. DISCUSSION OF RECENT EVENTS IN THE CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Stephanie Johnson introduced herself and reported she was recently hired as the new Quality of Life Prosecutor; gave some background on herself including she is a former LA County Deputy District Attorney and was in private practice; stated she had no specific agenda item to cover that evening but was happy to field any questions the Commission had for her and she would be ready to update the Commission on their next meeting.

Commissioner Escontrias stated he would like to know the total number of cases that are submitted for filing, number of cases that are actually filed and what differentiates between what is filed and what is rejected or upgraded; requested general information on quality-of-life issues.

Commissioner Blair wanted to know the difference between her role and another City prosecutor's role and the nuance of where her focus is as opposed to theirs.

Stephanie Johnson responded that she falls under the prosecution side; gave a description of the organizational chart of the City Attorney's office; explained that there are two Deputy Senior City Prosecutors that staff the courtrooms and she would be back up prosecutor if needed but she was specifically hired as the Quality of Life Prosecutor; stated she will be handling specific code enforcement issues, will be trained on handling Homeless Court, work on grant funding and other funding that helps support the housing court, handle complaints from Councilmembers, constituents, short term housing/Airbnb issues, and other ordinance violations; noted it is a hybrid role as a prosecutor.

Commissioner Gaul asked Prosecutor Johnson, in regard to Airbnb management, if she could give advice to the residents listening to this meeting on the process to identify and report that to the City.

Prosecutor Johnson stated that Airbnb violations are on a report basis, so perceived violations need to be reported in order for any action to be done; noted that, in terms of

enforcement, it is a tedious investigation; explained that law enforcement needs to prove an actual transaction took place, they need to investigate the person occupying the Airbnb and that money has been exchanged, then follow up with the owner that has the house listed on the website; reported that Redondo has a short-term rental statutes that prohibit any sort of short-term rental less than 30 days.

Commissioner Gaul commented if there is a tip, code enforcement will investigate on their own potential locations to see if transactions have taken place after a length of time such as six months.

Prosecutor Johnson said that was correct.

J.2. DISCUSSION OF CRIME RECAP/COMMUNITY POLICING/VOLUNTEERS

Officer Lofstrom noted he is the City's community based officer; stated they have a lot of planning and operation to do to be ready for 4th of July which has the fireworks show and the 5K in the morning; reviewed the Community Policing Report, noting they had a "Run, Hide, Fight" training at their Domestic Violence Victim Service Provider Meeting, a joint Coffee with a Cop at Michael's Café at Artesia with the Law Enforcement Torch Run and raised about \$1,900, and serviced the RUHS graduation on June 12th; noted that Teens in Policing Class has their opening session on Wednesday, another Coffee with a Cop planned for June 26th at Einstein Bagels, UCLA Blood Drive on July 16th, ongoing Neighborhood Watch meeting, LA County Police Canine Association is hosting their canine show at the Seahawk Bowl, and they are planning their Centralized National Night Out event on August 9th at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center and the onset of Citizen's Academy Class #52 will be in August; reported on the City's Volunteer Policing:

- Year to Date Hours of Service = 1,594
- Year to Date Patrol Calls for Service = 4,300

Commissioner Skiba asked when the next Run, Hide, Fight would take place.

Officer Lofstrom said it is on his To-Do-List.

Commissioner Blair asked how the City is preparing to handle illegal fireworks.

Officer Lofstrom responded that, as well as having a massively larger amount of staff for that day, additional patrol units will be handling traffic control issues, potentially a specific firework suppression unit reserved specifically for that task of handling illegal fireworks and handling calls for illegal fireworks.

Discussion followed regarding how to report the violation, how law enforcement can handle the situation, and community outreach.

Commissioner Wodnicki wondered when they could expect to see the changes to the Crime Reports that they discussed at the last meeting.

Officer Lofstrom reported he is leaving the part 1 Crime Report as is and then in the meeting notifications, he is sending the link directly to the page that has all the consistently updated graphs day by day; noted that the glitch that was occurring has been fixed so they should be able to see them now.

Officer Lofstrom reported no eComments and no one online.

J.3. DISCUSSION OF RECENT UPDATES ON ENHANCED RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS - None

J.4. DISCUSSION ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Commissioner Klainbaum spoke of groups of youths causing disturbances usually at night and especially on weekends and with e-Bikes they are going throughout the City affecting the quality of life for residents and the community; asked if there was a way to improve the situation; suggested educating the parents of their responsibility for their children and more of a police presence in the City to deter these groups from causing trouble.

Commissioner Skiba mentioned she has seen similar situations in her neighborhood and noted they are reckless and dangerous running stop signs and lights and riding in groups and on sidewalks; reported seeing pocket bikes with smaller kids riding them.

Commissioner Blair asked about the volume that the PD sees of juvenile violations and citations; wondered if the report shows that type of information.

Discussion followed on interactions with law enforcement not only being for citations but also to reward youths who are being positive citizens in the community.

Commissioner Blair clarified her question and asked what type of law enforcement is the City seeing for juvenile delinquency in the City.

Officer Lofstrom felt it would not be difficult to get a six-month window of citations for juveniles and stated if there is a wide variety of violations, he can narrow it down to the top three.

Commissioner Escontrias spoke of the need to be more specific on what is being asked and expanded on the topic given his experiences; suggested requesting if the PD has a juvenile detective and if so, could that person report on the crimes being committed by juveniles.

Officer Lofstrom stated they do not have one individual that is assigned to juveniles only.

Commissioner Wodnicki mentioned it would be interesting to see how many incidents occur during the school year as opposed to summer break.

Chair Carmichael mentioned they will add this to Officer Lofstrom's K.1 item because it is not formally an agenda item.

Commissioner Gaul mentioned that the SROs have a mostly "good cop" side for the schools but noted having them ticket violators would be one option and having parents come in to pay the fine to pick up the bike that was confiscated would be another option: spoke of Jim Hannon having a nonprofit for training bicycle safety that was good; hoped the item would be agendized.

Commissioner Wodnicki asked if it is a requirement at RUHS for students to take a bike safety course.

Officer Lofstrom speculatively reported that the students, that want to park a bike on campus, need to take a training course, provide proof of successful completion (sticker) and then they are allowed to park on campus; mentioned he believes the bike is confiscated and the parent needs to come to the school to retrieve it if the student violates this rule.

Discussion followed regarding the bike training course, and the bike rodeos.

Commissioner Skiba spoke of liking all of Commissioner Gaul's ideas and wanted to add community service on the list as punishment.

Commissioner Blair spoke of the challenges and the solutions kids have come up with to get around law enforcement.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to have Officer Lofstrom partner with Public Works and Sustainability Commission to provide Public Safety Commission a copy of progress reports, and presentations that fall under the traffic safety umbrella.

Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

More discussion followed regarding having Officer Lofstrom provide a six month or a year report on juvenile delinquency violations and/or crimes.

Motion by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Gaul, to have Officer Lofstrom provide a one-year report on juvenile activity and highlight larger issues that he uncovers.

Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Commissioner Wodnicki reported attending one of the community meetings that spoke about the crossing guard issue; felt it is a perfect issue for them as a Public

Safety Commission to do some advisory on; suggested making a referral to Council asking if they would like some assistance from the Commission to do any research or look into the issue.

Officer Lofstrom advised them to create a motion directing him to email a memo to Council requesting any action or decisions regarding crossing guards be sent through to this Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Wodnicki, seconded by Chair Carmichael, to direct Officer Lofstrom to email the Council a memo requesting any action or decisions regarding the crossing guards be sent to the Public Safety Commission for discussion and possible action.

Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Commissioner Skiba stated she would be interested in when the City is going to get started on the pallet shelters.

Chair Carmichael noted they have a standing agenda item of discussion on recent updates on enhanced response to homelessness; reported Officer Lofstrom can send that questions to the Quality-of-Life prosecutor for an update on the additional pallet shelters.

Commissioner Gaul mentioned the delivery trucks that just put on their hazards and wondered if there have been any traffic issues or accidents from it.

Commissioner Blair spoke about the Nob Hill staircase needing repair from the drunk driving accident; noted it is still fenced off but not repaired and there is no handrail for safety.

Chair Carmichael asked Officer Lofstrom to add that to the umbrella of questions to ask PWSC.

K.1. PENDING ITEMS APPROVED BY COMMISSION

L. ADJOURNMENT – 8:27 p.m.

Chair Carmichael adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission for Monday, June 16, 2025, at 8:27 p.m.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission will be a regular meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on July 21, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted:

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Police Chief