

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION – 7:00 PM

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: Gual, Gupta (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Escontrias, Skiba, Wodnicki, Vice Chair Klainbaum, Chair Carmichael

Officials Present: Kyle Lofstrom, Police Officer
Joseph Wells, Police Officer

C. SALUTE TO FLAG

Chair Carmichael led in the Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Vice Chair Klainbaum, and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as presented.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Gupta was absent.

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

E.1. BLUE FOLDER – None

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

F.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 21, 2024

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Vice Chair Klainbaum, seconded by Commissioner Skiba, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as presented.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Gupta was absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Carmichael opened the floor to public comments

John Perchulyn stated the Traffic Unit of the Police Department has been dismissing and ignoring the questions and concerns residents have regarding a traffic study despite the department claiming they would discuss it and be cooperative. Additionally, he shared statistics for the intersection of PCH and Prospect Avenue that he gathered and commented on the dangers of speeding in the area.

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Gaul and approved by voice vote, to extend John Perchulyn's speaking time.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Gupta was absent.

John Perchulyn expressed frustration at the RBPD's lack of response and felt that something must be done in terms of traffic calming measures in order to avoid a future tragedy.

Motion by Commissioner Wodnicki, seconded by Vice Chair Klainbaum, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file John Perchulyn's document.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Gupta was absent.

Commissioner Gupta arrived at 7:10 PM.

In response to questions from Council, John Perchulyn explained how he gathered the data and shared possible solutions to his concerns.

Christopher Jones, District 1, detailed traffic incidents that motivated him to engage with the City; thanked various Staff members for their help and cooperation in mitigating his concerns; explained how certain measures taken by the City have helped, but at the same time have also been counterproductive and listed his concerns.

Motion by Gaul, seconded by Chair Carmichael, and approved by voice vote, to extend Christopher Jones's speaking time.

The motion carried 7-0.

Christopher Jones asked that the Public Safety Commission provide an update on regarding his concerns; responded to questions from the Commission regarding tanker trucks and other large construction vehicles observed speeding in the area, the need for

enhanced enforcement and the effectiveness of litigation and referenced an informal meeting with the RBPd Chief, several months ago where discussion centered around what residents can do to help.

Councilmember Nehrenheim reported he will email the Commission all of the documents he would like for the Commission to review; talked about the work to be done for the third-party independent fire study from City Gate; asserted the Public Safety Commission should be involved in the RBPd review per a motion made in May 2023; reported the Emergency Coordinator position in the Fire Department has still not been filled; commented on how that position would act as the liaison for the Public Safety Commission and noted Measure FP passed and the Public Safety Commission will be involved with it.

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Gaul and approved by voice vote, to extend Councilmember Nehrenheim's speaking time.

The motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Nehrenheim reported there will be an item on tomorrow's City Council agenda regarding blocking off Avenue H and Massena Avenue for the Seaside Lights; noted this Commission can report to the Public Works Commission regarding the concerns they hear from residents; talked about difficulty contacting Torrance Councilmembers regarding signage issues and shared details of two Police incidents recently, near Project Moonstone.

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Gaul and approved by voice vote, to extend Councilmember Nehrenheim's speaking time.

The motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Nehrenheim announced another item on tomorrow's Council agenda includes a discussion regarding ways for Commissioners to communicate with Council and meeting attendance recording issues.

Discussion followed regarding the reason the Emergency Coordinator position has not been filled, Commission attendance reports being the responsibility of the City Clerk's office and receiving Council support when staff refuses to help.

Councilmember Nehrenheim offered his full support; encouraged Members of the Commission to use their City Email to communicate with their appointing Councilmember and suggested the Commission issue a memo to Council, periodically, listing accomplishments or issues needing to be addressed, to be included on Council's Consent Calendar and for the public to see.

There were no other public comments.

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

Police Officer Lofstrom reported there were no eComments received.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. Discussion of Crime Recap/Community Policing/Volunteers

Police Officer Lofstrom provided a recap of Crime, Community Policing Events and Volunteers in the City including details of a Press Release regarding a fatal collision, crime statistics and current and upcoming events and addressed total volunteer hours, year-to-date.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling the Volunteers and Policing to speak with the Commission, the Run, Hide, Fight presentation, an upcoming blood drive, vehicle fishing and auto theft, tracking crime statistics, and Prop 36.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Motion by Commissioner Escontrias, seconded by Commissioner Skiba, to send a recommendation statement from the Public Safety Commission to the City Council requesting a meeting between the Chief of Police and the members of the public who have come to the Public Safety Commission meetings to address safety concerns.

Discussion followed regarding discussing the topic prior to making any recommendations.

Substitute motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Vice Chair Klainbaum, and approved by roll call vote, to place a discussion item on the Public Safety Commission's next agenda, regarding the traffic issues at PV and Prospect and potential advisory action.

The substitute motion carried 7-0, with the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Escontrias, Gupta, Gaul, Skiba, Wodnicki, Vice Chair Klainbaum, and Chair Carmichael
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

Motion by Commissioner Skiba to invite City Manager Mike Witzansky to an upcoming meeting to provide an update on the City and any new developments.

Substitute motion by Chair Carmichael, to invite City Manager Witzansky to an upcoming meeting to speak on the State of the City as well as the adopted budgeted items under the scope of Public Safety.

Substitute, substitute motion by Commissioner Gaul, to invite any staff representing a department under the scope of Public Safety to speak and provide an update to the Commission at a future meeting.

Substitute, substitute, substitute motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Skiba, and approved by roll call vote, to place on an upcoming agenda, a discussion item regarding inviting City Manager and City Staff to present on items in the 2024-2025 fiscal budget that pertain to Public Safety.

The substitute, substitute, substitute motion carried 7-0-0, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Escontrias, Gupta, Gaul, Skiba, Wodnicki, Vice Chair Klainbaum, and Chair Carmichael
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Vice Chair Klainbaum, seconded by Commissioner Gupta, and approved by roll call vote, to agendize a discussion on increased juvenile delinquency in the City, in an upcoming Public Safety Commission meeting.

The motion carried 7-0-0, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Escontrias, Gupta, Gaul, Skiba, Wodnicki, Vice Chair Klainbaum, and Chair Carmichael
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Commissioner Gaul stated he would like to discuss eBikes and fines during the juvenile delinquency discussion and commented on the possibility of banning all eBikes at the beach and commented on the recent Commissioner elections.

Vice Chair Klainbaum noted that is a subset of the discussion he requested.

Motion by Commissioner Wodnicki, seconded by Vice Chair Klainbaum, and approved by roll call vote, to request accident data prior to and after the implementation of protected left turns at Artesia and Felton, and Artesia and Ringe from the RBPd.

The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Escontrias, Gupta, Gaul, Skiba, Wodnicki, Vice Chair Klainbaum, and
Chair Carmichael
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Commissioner Wodnicki, to agendize a discussion on traffic enforcement, including a list of specific statistics and to invite someone from RBPB or Traffic Enforcement to present them to determine whether hiring two Crossing Guards and other initiatives, have made a difference.

Officer Lofstrom felt the request is large, especially considering the present workload and suggested providing the information in pieces to make it more doable for staff.

Chair Carmichael suggested making it a recurring agenda item that can be continued to subsequent meetings.

Officer Lofstrom requested a few months to gather the information relative to traffic on Artesia, first.

Discussion followed regarding agenda items under which the matter could be addressed, having the Commission make its motion and Officer Lofstrom check with the City Clerk regarding the proper procedure and report back to the Commission.

Officer Lofstrom reported his intent is to provide what the Commission needs in the most efficient way and talked about efforts to schedule time with City staff.

Discussion followed regarding the proper protocol to follow, the need for visibility and transparency, steps that must be taken, going forward, to allow the Commission to proceed with its agenda and having the liaison listen to the Commission.

Officer Lofstrom noted that the Commission is not allowed to direct City staff.

Chair Carmichael reported the issue involves the Commission being able to create its agendas and talked about the Commission serving at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council and not City staff.

Officer Lofstrom talked about his understanding of the process of continuing items to the next agenda; noted the need to consider City staff schedules when placing items on upcoming agendas; asserted that he was suggesting a way in which the Commission could obtain the data requested at a more reasonable rate because of the amount of overall amount of data requested and stated his role, as liaison, is to help the Commission get things done. He added that he is interested in input from the Commission in terms of the priority under which the data is required and noted some

things area easier and faster to obtain than others.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion followed regarding the annual RBPD Traffic Report to Council, the possibility of the data already being available within that report, the RBPD Budget Report and defining the specific information sought by the Commission.

Ensuing discussion pertained to availability of the information, the fact that Officer Lofstrom is the liaison and not the “gatherer of data”, the need for items to be listed on agendas for increased visibility and transparency, setting a timeframe for when the data is due, informational items versus items for discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Wodnicki, seconded by Vice Chair Klainbaum, and approved by roll call vote, to ask for a report from RBPD regarding how many traffic citations have been issued this year versus last year and what they were for within the next three months.

The motion carried 7-0-0, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Escontrias, Gupta, Gaul, Skiba, Wodnicki, Vice Chair Klainbaum, and
Chair Carmichael
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Brief discussion ensued about the possibility of scheduling a special meeting, calling special meetings for urgent business, the need to consider the availability of the Council chambers, Commissioners and City staff, provisions relative to meetings that conflict with Federal Holidays and requirements to implement fines for eBike violations.

Vice Chair Klainbaum pointed out that in his experience of six years on the Commission, any request for data has almost always been declined.

Discussion followed regarding availability of data, Commission requests versus public requests for information and ensuring accountability in terms of when requests are denied and who denied them.

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, and approved by roll call vote, to include in the next agenda, the list of items referenced by Councilmember Nehrenheim, for discussion prior to action.

The motion carried 7-0-0, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Escontrias, Gupta, Gaul, Skiba, Wodnicki, Vice Chair Klainbaum, and
Chair Carmichael
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Chair Carmichael thanked Rbfd for a recent service call for him as he forgot how to turn off his fireplace and to Vic from the Public Works Department for his service.

L. ADJOURNMENT

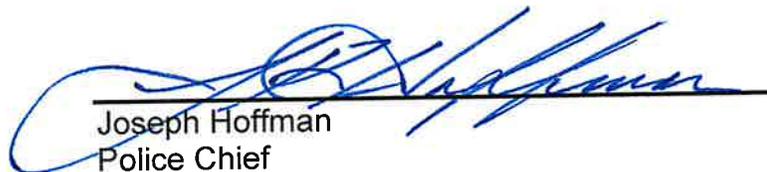
Motion by Commissioner Gupta, seconded by Vice Chair Klainbaum, and approved by voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

The motion carried, 7-0.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission will be a regular meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on December 16, 2024, 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:



Joseph Hoffman
Police Chief