

**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: Gaul, Escontrias, Skiba, Wodnicki, Chair Carmichael

Commissioners Absent: Gupta, Klainbaum

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 Wodnicki, and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

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

**E.1. BLUE FOLDER – None**

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

**G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – None**

**H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

There were no public comments for this item.

**I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None**

**J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

**J.1. DISCUSSION OF RECENT FIRE EVENTS**

RBPD Division Chief Regan presented an update of Fire Department operations; addressed mutual aid, paramedic engines, staff training, alarms and significant events, thanked Commissioners for recently visiting Fire Stations.

Members of the Commission commented favorably on the RBFD and the success of the bond measure and spoke about community liaisons for Fire Fighters to interact with the community and congratulated the Department for hiring a female Fire Fighter.

Discussion followed regarding equipment needed to minimize the need for other cities to give mutual aid including paramedic vehicles.

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

RBPD Officer Lofstrom provided a crime recap; addressed donation of club locks by Hyundai; announced the passing of Measure FP and noted when there is more information to share, he will report back to the Commission. He addressed recent and upcoming community policing events and VIP hours of service.

Discussion followed regarding the Run, Hide Fight and the status of graffiti detail.

**J.3. DISCUSSION REGARDING REQUESTING CITY MANAGER/CITY STAFF TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON ITEMS IN 24/25 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET THAT PERTAIN TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file a list of budget items related to Public Safety and submitted to staff by Chair Carmichael.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

RBPD Officer Lofstrom distributed copies to the Commission.

Chair Carmichael explained he compiled the list from the items requested by Commissioners.

Discussion followed regarding getting a report regarding pallet shelters and the homeless

program, the Homeless Housing Supervisor role, defining equipment, requests for BRRs, streamlining the list, red curbs, listing all or specific items, potential pushback, the likely of getting a response or getting things done, supporting the community in how the money is spent, the need for government to be transparent, the community's right to expect accountability, the Commission's responsibilities to City Council and basing the request on established rules and procedures.

Ensuing discussion pertained to continuing the item to the next meeting of the Public Safety Commission to allow prioritizing the items and further discussion.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, and carried by voice vote, to continue this item to the January 2025 meeting of the Public Safety Commission to allow prioritizing the list of items and have further discussion.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

#### **J.4. DISCUSSION REGARDING LIST OF TOPICS PROVIDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NILS NEHRENHEIM DURING NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file a list of topics provided by Councilmember Nils Nehrenheim during November Regular Meeting of the Commission.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

RBPD Officer Lofstrom distributed copies to the Commission.

Chair Carmichael reported that Councilmember Nehrenheim stated he would email the Commission additional documents and suggested continuing the item.

Discussion followed regarding the Emergency Coordinator position

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, and approved by voice vote, to continue Item No. J.4 to the January 2025 meeting of the Public Safety Commission, inclusive of an email from Councilmember Nehrenheim.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

#### **J.5. DISCUSSION ON PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD AND PROSPECT TRAFFIC SITUATION AND POSSIBLE ADVISORY ACTION TO CITY COUNCIL**

Chair Carmichael invited public comments regarding this item.

RBPD Officer Lofstrom reported there are four requests for comments, two eComments received and there are no Zoom attendees.

John Perchulyn, referenced documents he had presented previously to the Commission;

reported receiving a response that the subject intersection does not appear to present a major traffic concern; stated that he has been submitting statistics through the City's Traffic and Safety portal; summarized instances of traffic violations; displayed a photograph of a traffic accident in the intersection, just last week and asserted the need for public safety improvements there.

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file documents submitted by John Perchulyn.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

Discussion followed regarding the source of the email stating "no major safety concerns".

Anthony Magaña talked about unsuccessful efforts to schedule a meeting with the Chief and expressed frustration that it has taken so long.

Motion by Commissioner Escontrias, seconded by Commissioner Gaul, and approved by voice vote, to extend the public speakers time by 30 seconds.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

Anthony Magaña stated concerns about trucks running stop signs on Alberta and P.V. Boulevard, especially with school children in the area and hoped to hear from the Chief soon, about a meeting.

Chuck Chavez shared that he was hit, unconscious by a vehicle as he walked his dog in the crosswalk on P.V. Boulevard and Prospect; noted it is not a safe situation and suggested implementing a traffic circle to slow traffic down. He added that it is a dangerous situation and changing it should be a priority.

Discussion followed regarding whether a traffic study has been conducted in the area.

Tom Cook spoke about living in the area and dangerous incidents that have occurred; expressed concerns about the unsafe situation.

Motion by Commissioner Escontrias, seconded by Commissioner Gaul, and approved by voice vote, to extend the public speakers time by 30 seconds.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

Tom Cook asserted that it is a scary and dangerous situation that needs to be addressed.

RBPD Officer Lofstrom read two eComments into the record.

Rolf Strutzenberg spoke about traveling through the area and witnessing a truck roll through the intersection as a crossing guard was helping students cross the street; felt the situation is worsening and certainly needs more attention to avoid future tragedies and stated the enforcement is the only thing that really works.

Motion by Commissioner Escontrias, seconded by Commissioner Gaul, and approved by voice

vote, to extend the public speakers time by 30 seconds.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioners Gupta and Klainbaum were absent.

Rolf Strutzenberg talked about looking at other ideas to increase safety and hoped that enforcement will increase.

There were no other public comments.

RBPD Captain Michael Martinez reported he supervises the Special Operations Bureau which includes the Traffic Unit; talked about the Chief planning to meet with residents about the topic; noted there was a date set for the meeting, but the secretary was not aware of a conflict and indicated the meeting is not canceled, but rather postponed. Additionally, he reported that area is part of the Traffic Complaint Hotline, and the Traffic Unit patrols the area with the California Highway Patrol doing special enforcement details whenever possible. He looked forward to the meeting with the Chief to hear what residents have to say.

Commissioner Escontrias expressed concerns with the lack of communication between RBPD and residents about this issue; talked about Mr. Perchulyn providing traffic data, directly and having commented on this matter for a long time with nothing being done and mentioned when this topic was first brought up, the response was, "We can't be everywhere".

Captain Martinez reported he has been on this assignment less than one year and claimed Lieutenant King spoke with Mr. Perchulyn numerous times.

Discussion followed regarding working with truck routes that come in from the City of Torrance and this being a City Council matter.

Captain Martinez reviewed recent complaints received from the Traffic Complaint Hotline; spoke about enforcement; noted that there are traffic concerns, City-wide and responded to questions from the Commission regarding steps involved in enforcement.

There was no action taken on this item.

## **J.6. NOMINATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION SECRETARY**

Discussion followed regarding the Secretary's role and responsibilities including adding Blue Folder Items.

Commissioner Gaul nominated Commissioner Wodnicki.

There were no other nominations and Commissioner Wodnicki was declared Secretary by the following roll call vote, 5-0-2:

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

## **J.7. DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL MEETINGS DUE TO UPCOMING REGULAR MEETING CANCELLATIONS**

Chair Carmichael referenced the agenda packet for this item.

Commissioners Escontrias and Wodnicki left the chambers and there was no quorum.

Commissioner Wodnicki returned to the chambers and Chair Carmichael declared a quorum.

Commissioner Escontrias returned to the chambers.

RBPD Officer Lofstrom discussed cancelling the regular meetings of January 20th and February 17th and presented options for alternate meeting dates in January and February.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Skiba, and approved by roll call vote, to schedule the January meeting of the Public Safety Commission to a special meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

The motion carried 4-1-2 by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Skiba, and approved by roll call vote, to schedule a special meeting of the Public Safety Commission on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

The motion carried 4-1-2 by the following roll call vote:

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

## **K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF**

### **K.1. PENDING ITEMS APPROVED BY COMMISSION**

RBPD Officer Lofstrom referenced a document with an updated list of staff referrals for the Commission's review.

Discussion followed regarding distributing documents to staff instead of other Commissioners in order to comply with the Brown Act and interacting with Councilmembers.

Commissioner Escontrias left the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

RBPD Officer Lofstrom redirected the meeting to item at hand.

Commissioner Gaul asked if whether the City Manager or City Attorney have considered filing a complaint or a lawsuit with the City of Torrance for a lack of response on Redondo Beach's requests regarding commercial trucking.

RBPD Officer Lofstrom suggested Commissioner Gaul write a memo to Council from the Commission, as an advisory body, with the recommendation; send the memo to him who will, blind copy the Commission and forward the memo to Council.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Chair Carmichael, and approved by voice vote, to issue a memo to Council from the Commission, as an advisory body, asking the City Attorney to address the lack of response by the City of Torrance on some of Redondo Beach's requests regarding commercial trucking routes.

Motion carried, 4-0. Commissioners Gupta, Klainbaum and Escontrias were absent.

In response to Commissioner Wodnicki, RBPD Officer Lofstrom discussed the process for Commissioners to request that items be placed on future agendas.

In reply to Chair Carmichael, RBPD Officer Lofstrom provided an update on specific items previously requested by the Commission and mentioned adding the City Prosecutor to the agenda, as the Commission never voted to remove it.

Chair Carmichael requested information regarding rules for forming subcommittees.

## **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Skiva, and approved by voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried, 4-0. Commissioners Gupta, Klainbaum and Escontrias were absent.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission will be a Special meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on January 23, 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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Joseph Hoffman  
Police Chief