

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Virtual Meeting of the City of Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Sooper at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Gaul, Klainbaum, Marinelli, Sooper

Commissioners Absent: Couig, Lieberman

Officials Present: Joe Hoffman, Police Captain, Special Operations Bureau
Daryn Glenn, Police Officer
Jason May, Fire Chief
Shawn Freeman, Lieutenant, Community Services Unit

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Sooper led in the Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Marinelli, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to approve the Order of Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

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

E.1. For Blue Folder documents approved at the Public Safety Commission meeting

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. Approve Affidavit of Posting of the Public Safety Commission Special Meeting of April 19, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to approve Item F.1., as presented. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

F.2. Approve Minutes of the Special Public Safety Commission meeting of January 25, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Marinelli, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to approve Item F.2., as presented. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Police Officer Daryn Glenn announced there were no public comments or anyone wishing to speak on this item.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

Police Officer Glenn noted Commission Gaul has requested a presentation regarding CERT and Commissioner Gaul stated he has not been able to reach out to them; felt it would be best to present in person and suggested postponing the item for six months.

Police Officer Glenn reported Commissioner Klainbaum had requested a presentation regarding pedestrian safety statistics and information regarding pedestrian-related incidents and deferred to Lieutenant Shawn Freeman for a presentation.

Lieutenant Freeman reported pulling records for 2021; noted there have been three pedestrian traffic accidents; stated none have been fatalities but rather minor injuries and involved failures to yield.

Discussion followed regarding vehicles versus bicycle accidents in the last twelve months, the possibility of installing permanent signs stating the three-foot rule to help deter and reduce accidents, trends of increased incidents of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians and recommended actions.

Commissioner Klainbaum asked about where there have been injuries and fatalities, over time; spoke about determining the size of the problem and the scope as well as what steps to take to improve the situation.

Commissioner Gaul discussed the need for a larger sample size over a longer period of time to determine where to promote better safety.

Lieutenant Freeman confirmed the data needed and offered to provide the information at an upcoming meeting.

Police Officer Glenn reported the Commission requested an update on the pallet shelters; introduced Shari Weaver, Harbor Interfaith Services and deferred to her for a report.

Ms. Weaver provided an update on the City's pallet shelter program; thanked City Attorney Mike Webb and County Supervisor Janice Hahn; reported the project was a collaborative effort; described the operation and management staff on site; addressed security, housing placements and calls for service and commented positively on the results.

Discussion followed regarding a waiting list for the pallet shelters and the number of people

who returned to homelessness.

Commissioners Gaul and Marinelli and Chair Sooper thanked Ms. Weaver for her work in reducing homelessness in the City.

Ms. Weaver discussed L.A. County-wide challenges; noted the need for building more units in L.A. County and reported senior homelessness increased by 25% last year.

Police Officer Daryn Glenn announced there were no public comments or anyone wishing to speak on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Gual, seconded by Commissioner Marinelli, to close this item. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. For eComments and emails received from the public - None

J.2. Items for discussion prior to action - None

J.3. Committee Reports

- 1. Commendation Subcommittee - None**
- 2. Legislative Review Subcommittee - None**
- 3. Quarterly Report Subcommittee - None**
- 4. CERT Support and Promotion Subcommittee - None**
- 5. Homeless Subcommittee - None**

J.4. Discussion of Recent Fire Events

Fire Division Chief Jason May narrated a PowerPoint presentation of recent fire events in the City; reported Chief Robert Metzger retired and Police Chief Kauffman is now the Fire Chief; discussed the Department's new Instagram page; urged the public to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and addressed other organizational changes within the Department including an evaluation of the Department and consideration of an administrative merger with Manhattan Beach and El Segundo.

In terms of the administrative merger, Commissioner Gaul spoke in favor of local control and asked about cost savings resulting from going to L.A. County Fire Department. Chief May noted the item is under consideration; reported the City is looking at possible efficiencies; indicated there are challenges as well; stated it depends on the desired level of service and addressed recent significant incidents and March statistics.

Commissioner Marinelli hoped the recently injured Fire Fighter is on the mend.

Discussion followed regarding tsunami projections that were recently released.

Motion by Commissioner Marinelli, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to close this item.
Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

J.5. Discussion of Recent Events in the City Prosecutor's Office

Melanie Chavira reported City Council voted to continue the pallet shelter homeless project; noted most people have indicated having a "home" has made a big difference in their lives and discussed extension of trials in terms of felonies, misdemeanors and car-jackings.

Motion by Commissioner Marinelli, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to close this item.
Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

J.6. Discussion of Recent Law Enforcements Events/Crime Re-cap

Police Officer Glenn presented a summary of recent law enforcement events and crimes; discussed search warrants; reported Volunteers in Policing have returned; addressed vacation checks, package, vehicle and bicycle thefts and suggested residents write down their bicycle serial numbers.

Discussion followed regarding the status of catalytic converter thefts and increases in policing during the summer months.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Marinelli, to close this item.
Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

J.7. Discussion of Community Policing Events

Police Officer Glenn presented the report; stated this will be her last meeting as her duties have been changed back to patrol and Officer Lofstrom will be taking up her former duties; discussed Coffee with a Cop and stated Community Policing events will increase as the State reopens; addressed an Easter event, a catalytic converter action event and another upcoming event and a Snow Cone with a Cop event on April 29, 2021 at Alta Vista Park.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to close this item.
Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

J.8. Volunteers in Policing Report

Police Officer Glenn reiterated VIPs have recently returned and noted there will be a more-robust report in May.

Motion by Commissioner Marinelli, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to close this item.
Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Commissioner Marinelli thanked Chair Sooper and Officer Glenn for coordinating the presentations for this meeting.

Commissioner Klainbaum thanked Officer Glenn for her support and work and wished her well on her new assignment.

Commissioner Gaul reiterated the request for pedestrian incident data and wished her well.


Chair Sooper thanked Officer Glenn for her service.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Marinelli, to close this item. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Sooper adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m., to the next Public Safety Commission meeting on May 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kauffman
Chief of Police