

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: Couig, Gaul, Klainbaum, Lieberman, Marinelli, Sooper

Commissioners Absent: None

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 Lieberman, 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 January 25, 2021

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

F.2. Approve Minutes of the Regular Public Safety Commission meeting of November 16, 2020

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

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

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

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. Committee Reports

1. Commendation Subcommittee

Commissioner Lieberman spoke about former Commissioner Julian Stern's eight years of service to the Commission and the City and felt he should be recognized, appropriately as well as former Commissioner Marin.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to invite former Commissioners Stern and Marin for a commendation in recognition of their service once the Commission can meet in person. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

2. Legislative Review Subcommittee - None

3. Quarterly Report Subcommittee - None

4. CERT Support and Promotion Subcommittee

Commissioner Gaul requested a status update of the CERT program.

5. Homeless Subcommittee

Commissioner Marinelli expressed his interest in being on the Homeless Subcommittee and Police Officer Glenn indicated she will follow-up on the matter to determine if another member can be added to the subcommittee and will report back at the next Commission meeting.

J.2. Discussion of Recent Fire Events

Fire Chief May presented an update of Fire Department operations and events; reported CERT Academies have been put on hold as COVID restrictions are in place; addressed emergency responses, medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, building fires, water rescues; discussed significant incidents and reviewed fire safety tips.

Discussion followed regarding pre-COVID versus post-COVID calls for service.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Couig, to close Item J.2. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

J.3. Discussion of Recent Events in the City Prosecutor's Office - None

J.4. Discussion of Recent Law Enforcements Events/Crime Re-cap

Police Officer Glenn reported an increase in catalytic converter thefts; noted increased patrolling and detailing and offered safety tips and options for the public to deter thefts.

Discussion followed regarding types of cars targeted and recent stabbing incidents.

Lieutenant Shawn Freeman introduced himself; addressed previous stabbings in the City and recent multiple stabbings; reported perpetrators have been from outside the City and spoke about a recent homicide at one of the hotels in the City and car jackings.

Police Captain Joe Hoffman reported that typically, there are not a lot of stabbings or violent crimes in the City; reported having multiple stabbings in a short timeframe is uncharacteristic of the area; referenced LAPD crime statistics indicating crime was down, overall, in 2020 but homicides and shootings were up; spoke about the importance of looking at crime trends in the county and neighboring cities and discussed impacts of COVID-19 on law enforcement.

Discussion followed regarding trends/changes in crime related to the homeless pallet housing and Lieutenant Freeman reported there have been no increases in connection with the housing.

Commissioner Gaul discussed an incident at Lincoln School in District 5 and Police Captain Hoffman reported he is working on developing a protocol to communicate with custodial coordinators to minimize the amount of time in which to commit resources to a false alarm.

Motion by Commissioner Couig, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to close Item J.4. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

J.5. Discussion of Community Policing Events

Police Officer Glenn reported the Department is restricted, because of COVID-19, as to what community policing events can be scheduled and addressed a recent catalytic converter etching event. She added that Coffee with a Cop events are currently on hold; spoke about the possibility of holding Neighborhood Watch meetings on Zoom and urged those with questions to contact her office.

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

Motion by Commissioner Couig, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to close Item J.5. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

J.6 Volunteers in Policing Report

Police Officer Glenn reported the Volunteers in Policing program is on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Discussion followed regarding the status of vaccinations for the City's First Responders.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Couig, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to close Item J.6. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Commissioner Marinelli thanked Officer Glenn for following up on his request to be on the Homeless Subcommittee and for finding time for the Commission to meet and looked forward to getting feedback from Harbor Interfaith, at the Commission's next meeting, on the status of the homeless pallet shelters.

Commissioner Couig stated she would be happy to give up her membership on the Homeless Subcommittee to give Commissioner Marinelli an opportunity to serve on it.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Couig, to assign Commissioner Marinelli to the Homeless Subcommittee, replacing Commissioner Couig. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

Commissioner Gaul stated he will ask CERT to join a future meeting to provide an update and commended the Police and Fire Departments for their service.

Commissioner Klainbaum asked for a report regarding metrics on pedestrian safety and any information on pedestrian-related incidents. Lieutenant Freeman discussed possible data to include and stated he will work with other units to obtain applicable information and include comparisons with prior years. Commissioner Klainbaum expressed concerns with increases in the frequencies of near misses and dangerous vehicular/pedestrian interactions; discussed increase in pedestrian traffic and suggested raising the priority of pedestrian safety.

Police Captain Hoffman referenced the Office of Traffic Safety Grant; noted it can be used for bicycle/pedestrian enforcement; reported recently completing a grant application for bicycle/pedestrian safety which would fund overtime shifts for officers, above and beyond the officers assigned to the Traffic Unit, to conduct enforcement activities for violations that impact bicyclists and pedestrians. He added that relevant data was included in the application and can be made available to the Commission at its next meeting.

Chair Sooper requested an update on the homeless pallet shelter program and Police Officer Glenn stated Harbor Interfaith was going to present a report at this meeting, but they were unable to attend.

Police Captain Hoffman reported the program is run out of the City Attorney's Office.

Discussion followed regarding returning to scheduling monthly meetings, needing to consider the use of staff resources and lack of agenda items, and the Commission's ability to call special meetings.

Police Officer Glenn offered to discuss the possibility of scheduling monthly meetings of the Public Safety Commission with the City Clerk's Office and report back to the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Couig, seconded by Commissioner Gaul, to direct staff to place an update of the Homeless Pallet Shelter Program on the Commission's next meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

Police Captain Hoffman suggested having a representative from the City Attorney's Office, the Police Department and Harbor Interfaith at the next meeting for a complete report, noting the Police Department would only report on the Public Safety aspect.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Couig, to close Item K. 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 8:19 p.m., to the next Public Safety Commission meeting on March 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kauffman
Chief of Police