



INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA
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CITIZEN POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
MAY 11, 2005
6:30 p.m.

Community Room, First Floor, City Hall
Minutes

Members Present:

Chairperson Wayne Spencer
Vice Chairperson Nannette Marchand
Commissioner David P. Stewart
Commissioner Curlee Ross
Commissioner Judy A. Bowles
Commissioner Rita Hall
Commissioner Adrienne Sears
Commissioner Donald Nicholson

Members Absent:

Commissioner Gerald Thompson
Commissioner Ozell Butler
Commissioner Joy Brown-Price

Staff Present

Deputy City Administrator Lawrence Kirkley – Administration
Pam Egans- Recording Secretary
Kathy Ares - Administration Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wayne Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Judy A. Bowles led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Rita Hall led the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments. No members from the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Spencer called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2005 meeting.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Sears seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of the development of a form of identification for Commission members.

Chairperson Spencer expressed that the Commissioners are in need of City Identification Badges. He also stated that the badges do not need to allow access to City buildings.

The Commissioners agreed that they should obtain some form of I.D. Badge that would include their name.

Chairperson Spencer stated that the Commission is requesting that Mr. Kirkley create sample designs of Pocket I.D. Badges and incorporate a photo. The badges could be the same **design** of a business card and would identify each person as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Hall stated that men generally wear Pocket I.D. Badges, because most of their attire includes a front pocket. Commissioner Hall proposed that Mr. Kirkley provide samples **for the female I.D. Badges that include a pin or clip, and for the men a pocket insert I.D. Badge.**

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that he has already looked into the Commissioners obtaining a lapel clip that would identify each Commissioner, when attending a City related function. Mr. Kirkley will provide various designs of Lapel Identification badges that the Commissioners could view and then decide on the type of design they would like. Mr. Kirkley will e-mail the designs to the Commissioners for review and discussion at next Commission meeting.

No Action Taken

Adoption of Commission By-Laws, and Policies and Procedures

Chairperson Spencer opened the discussion on the adoption of Commission By-Laws and Policies and Procedures. Chairperson Spencer turned the discussion over to Vice Chairperson Marchand.

Vice Chairperson Marchand gave each Commissioner copies of the existing and proposed Inglewood Ordinance. A copy of the City of Oakland's Ordinance was distributed for the Commission's review. Vice Chairperson Marchand advised the Commission to include items from the City of Oakland's Ordinance that they would want incorporated into Inglewood's existing Ordinance.

No Action Taken

Consideration of recommending to the Mayor and City Council the hiring of an Outside Attorney.

Chairperson Spencer opened the discussion on hiring an outside Attorney to assist the Commission.

Commissioner Bowles asked if the City Council has to approve a budget for the Commission to obtain legal counsel.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated yes.

Commissioner Bowles made a motion to request that the City Council provide the Citizen Police Oversight Commission with a Budget.

Commissioner Sears seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION

Consideration of extending an invitation to the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (N.A.C.O.L.E.) to conduct a multi-day program for CPOC members.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that the N.A.C.O.L.E. training would consist of three days and it would complete the remainder of the Commissioners training requirements. However, if all Commissioners could not be available for the three days, then a few more on-site trainings would have to take place.

There was a consensus amongst the Commissioners that they would be available for the entire three-day training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS

Chairperson Spencer acknowledged the presence of newly appointed Commissioner Donald Nicholson from District 3. Commissioner Nicholson briefly introduced himself, and was welcomed to the Commission.

Vice Chairperson Marchand stated that she checked the City's website to see if the Commission meeting was listed, but it was not.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that he is still working on getting the Citizen Police Oversight Commission on the City's Website.

Vice Chairperson Marchand wanted to know how a Commissioner could check on the status of a complaint a citizen filed with the Police Department.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley informed Vice Chairperson Marchand that, as a Commissioner, she could contact the Chief's office on the citizen's behalf and request an update on the complaint.

Commissioner Sears stated that the Commission should introduce themselves to the Community through a town hall meeting.

Commissioner Stewart felt the Commissioners should attend the various Council members Town Hall meetings and go to the various Police Community Centers.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that it is important for the Commission to obtain their own identity.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that he would find the attorney who assisted with formulating the existing Citizen Police Oversight Commission Ordinance, and request that the attorney make a presentation to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.