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CITIZEN POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

July 13, 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 Rita Hall

Commissioner Judy A. Bowles

Commissioner Curlee Ross

Commissioner Donald Nicholson

Commissioner Ozell Butler

Members Absent:

Commissioner Joy Brown-Price Commissioner Adrianne Sears

Commissioner Gerald Thompson

Staff Present

Deputy City Administrator Lawrence Kirkley – Administration

Pam Egans - Recording Secretary

Kathy Ares - Staff

Pamela Renowden-Staff

Attorney Martin Mayer

Captain Percy Ray Roberts

Lieutenant Oscar Serrano

Sergeant Kent Ferrin

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wayne Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Nicholson led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Butler led the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

No members from the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8 and 16, 2005 meetings. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

TRAINING

Police Use of Force Policy

Councilwoman Dunlap arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Captain Roberts arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Spencer introduced the guest speakers, Lieutenant Serrano and Sergeant Ferrin. Sergeant Ferrin gave an overview on the Police Use of Force Policy and distributed handouts. After the presentation, Lieutenant Serrano and Sergeant Ferrin answered the Commissioners' inquiries.

Lieutenant Serrano and Sergeant Ferrin concluded their presentation at 7:45 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Dissemination of Information

Chairperson Spencer opened the discussion on Dissemination of Information. Attorney Mayer distributed literature to the Commissioners on the City of Inglewood AB 301 for Supervisors & Managers and "Civilian Review Boards: An Overview." Attorney Mayer briefly reviewed the documents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING OTHER MATTERS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS

Chairperson Spencer inquired about the status of the Citizen Police Oversight Commission Policies and Procedures.

Attorney Mayer stated that he is currently drafting the policies and procedures, however, they are not completed.

Chairperson Spencer requested that a special meeting be held July 27, 2005 to review the draft version of the policies and procedures.

Attorney Mayer stated that a draft copy of the policies and procedures would be available for review at the July 27, 2005 meeting.

Chairperson Spencer inquired about the status of the draft Ordinance submitted to Administration, and asked if a date could be set for the City Attorney to complete her analysis of the draft ordinance.

Vice Chairperson Marchand also inquired about the City Attorney providing her analysis prior to the July 27, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Kirkley stated that he would check the City Attorney's availability for the next meeting.

Chairperson Spencer asked about the badges/identification cards for the Commissioners.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that both the City Attorney's office and City Administration were not in agreement with issuance of badges/identification cards. Mr. Kirkley stated that the City Administrator has supported the issuance of plastic lapel or pocket flap I.D.'s similar to those worn by civic groups such as the Rotary Club. However, if the lapel badges were made, they would not be issued until the Policies and Procedures governing the Commission are finalized, and Commissioners are certified.

Vice Chairperson Marchand inquired about the status of the Citizen Police Oversight Commission's website.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that there is no updated information he could provide, at this time, about the website. He also stated that the purpose of the website would be to provide information about the Commission to the Community. If the Policies and Procedures describing the Commission's role, responsibilities, and complaint procedures were not completed, there would not be much information to place on the website.

Vice Chairperson Marchand reminded the Commissioners about the presentation given by Attorney Paz and how he felt that the Commission did not exist, due to the Commission's nonexistence on the website.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that it was important for the Commissioners to finalize the Policies and Procedures and, without that document, the Commission does not exist from a procedural standpoint. In addition, no training could take place until the Policies and Procedures are completed dictating the Commission's function.

Councilwoman Dunlap commented on the Charter Amendment. She advised the Commission that a Charter Amendment could be done with a signature petition or the City Council could place an initiative on the ballot to change the Charter. The recommendation would be made to the City Council and it would require three Council votes to pass. Councilwoman Dunlap stated that the process to make a Charter change could be done within a two-month period.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that after going to City Council to request a Charter change, a meet and confer with the police labor groups would have to take place before the City Council could take any action.

Vice Chairperson Marchand thanked all the Commissioners for sending a card when she was ill.

Commissioner Hall stated that she will be out of the country at a Police Convention in August, and will not be at the meeting.

Commissioner Nicholson requested that at the next meeting the Commission discuss conducting its monthly meetings bi-weekly.

Commissioner Hall asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Deputy Jerry Ortiz, the Sheriff that was killed in the line of duty.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.