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CITIZEN POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING

January 11, 2006 6:30 p.m.

Community Room, First Floor, City Hall Minutes

Members Present:

Chairperson Wayne Spencer
Commissioner David P. Stewart
Commissioner Ozell Butler
Commissioner Rita Hall
Commissioner Judy A. Bowles
Commissioner Adrianne Sears
Commissioner Donald Nicholson
Commissioner Joy Brown-Price
Commissioner Gerald Thompson

Members Absent:

Vice Chairperson Nannette Marchand Commissioner Curlee Ross

Staff Present

Pam Egans, Recording Secretary Pamela Renowden, Staff Kathy Ares, Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wayne Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Nicholson.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Butler gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Staff advised the Commission that on pages 3 and 4 of the December 14, 2005 minutes the acronym for the Citizen Police Oversight Commission was abbreviated incorrectly, should be CPOC not COP.

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Chairperson Spencer requested that a motion be made to approve the minutes with the corrections.

Commissioner Hall moved that the minutes of the December 14, 2005 meeting, with the corrections, be approved. Commissioner Sears seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Election of Commission Chairperson
 - a. Nomination of Chairperson
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Election of Chairperson

Chairperson Spencer opened the floor for nomination of chairperson. The nominees listed on the election ballot were Chairperson Spencer and Commissioner Nicholson.

Commissioner Nicholson withdrew his name from the election ballot for the position of Chairperson. He stated that he had spoken with city officials and felt that Chairperson Spencer should remain as chairperson, and that he would support him.

Staff informed the Commission that Commissioner Stewart expressed interest in running for the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Hall stated that, at the last meeting, it was voted that the nominations be closed. She was under the assumption that Commissioner Stewart would be unable to run for the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Staff informed the Commission that Commissioner Stewart left a telephone message last month prior to the meeting expressing interest in the positions. Incorrect information was transmitted regarding Commissioner Stewart's desire. As a result, Commissioner Stewart's name was not submitted.

Mr. Muir, Assistant City Administrator was advised of the commission's concerns. According to the Assistant City Administrator, due to a staffing error, Commissioner Stewart would be able to run. However, in the future, if candidates are interested in running for positions they should notify staff in writing prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Stewart gave a brief background of his experience and qualifications to serve as Chairperson. Commissioner David P. Stewart's name was added to the election ballot.

Staff passed out election ballots for the position of Chairperson. The ballots were collected and counted by staff. Chairperson Spencer was reelected as Chairperson.

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- 2. Election of Commission Vice Chairperson
 - a. Nomination of Vice Chairperson
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Election of Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Spencer opened the floor for Election of Vice Chairperson. The nominee listed on the election ballot was Commissioner Adrianne Sears. Commissioner David P. Stewart's name was added to the election ballot for Vice Chairperson.

Staff passed out election ballots for the position of Vice Chairperson. The ballots were collected and counted by staff. Vice Chairperson Adrianne Sears was elected as Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Price arrived at the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING OTHER MATTERS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REMARKS

Vice Chairperson Sears thanked the Commission for their support and expressed that she would be establishing goals to discuss with the Commission so they could move forward successfully.

Commissioner Nicholson stated that he was informed that the Commission would not be reviewing all cases; there would only be certain cases that the Commission would review. He also stated that the City Administrator would determine what cases the Commission would review. Commissioner Nicholson suggested that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson look into the matter.

Commissioner Stewart invited commissioners to attend an anti-smoking campaign after the meeting at the Inglewood Police Community Center on Manchester Boulevard.

Commissioner Stewart left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Staff member Kathy Ares reminded the commissioners of the City of Long Beach Citizen Police Complaint Commission meeting, Thursday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. Vice Chairperson Sears and Commissioners Nicholson, Hall, and Bowles confirmed their attendance with staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.