

# INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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# Citizen Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) Meeting May 9, 2012 City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall Minutes

# **Members Present**:

Chairperson Alex Padilla
Vice Chairperson Alicia Smith
Commissioner Woody Hollier
Commissioner Paul Smith
Commissioner Wayne Spencer
Commissioner Sergio Hernandez
Commissioner Rita Hall

## **Members Absent:**

Commissioner Adrianne Sears (excused) Commissioner Maria Smietan (excused) Commissioner Linda Soto (excused)

## **Staff Present:**

Mr. Michael D. Falkow, Assistant City Manager Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks, Inglewood Police Department Captain Mark Fronterotta, Inglewood Police Department Mrs. Kathy Ares-Givens, Recording Secretary

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Padilla at 6:41 p.m. A quorum was present.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Spencer.

#### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Commissioner Paul Smith.

Chairperson Padilla welcomed Mayor Butts, City Treasurer Wanda Brown, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Willie Agee to the meeting. He thanked them for their attendance.

Chairperson Padilla stated that the Chief will be leaving to become the Chief of Police for Santa Monica. He further stated that he had the opportunity to work with and for her during the Chief's tenure at the Santa Monica Police Department.

Commissioner Hall commended Chief Seabrooks on her new position.

Chairperson Padilla presented Chief Seabrooks a plaque on behalf of the CPOC in recognition of her leadership. Chairperson Padilla asked the Mayor to share a few words.

Mayor Butts congratulated Chief Seabrooks on her new position. He stated that she will be missed and that we are very proud of her.

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Chief Seabrooks stated that it has been a privilege and an honor serving the men and women of the Inglewood Police Department. She further stated that she had never been exposed to an organization that had or was subject to an oversight committee. She stated that she found it to be a rewarding experience because it gives a view from the community members' perspective about the importance of organizational transparency.

Chief Seabrooks commended the CPOC for stepping up in the role of police commissioner. Chief Seabrooks stated that it has been a pleasure working with and for the CPOC.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Dawson commented and distributed handouts regarding stalking. She requested that a stalking protocol be implemented for the Inglewood Police Department.

Chairperson Padilla stated that he believes that there are protocols in place.

Chairperson Padilla stated that the CPOC will view the pamphlets that were distributed to the commissioners. Chairperson Padilla requested that Ms. Dawson leave her contact information.

Chairperson Padilla stated that the CPOC will discuss with the police department if they have something in place and if there is any way that the information that was provided by Ms. Dawson could be incorporated.

Mr. Falkow stated that he has spoken to the Chief and that the CPOC can make a request of staff to follow up with the police department on the particular general order or policy in place that would address this type of issue. The information can then be provided to the CPOC and perhaps it can be on the agenda for next month.

Chairperson Padilla requested that the police department's protocols and procedures be provided to the CPOC by the next meeting.

Mr. Falkow stated that the recording secretary will contact Ms. Dawson to let her know if the item is on the agenda.

Mr. Agee congratulated the Chief of Police. He commented that as the Parks and Recreation Chair, there are some serious problems at the parks. He stated that the Chief is on top of the matter and that he appreciates it. He thanked Vice Chairperson Smith for her help. He further stated that he appreciates all the help that he can receive from the Citizen Police Oversight Commission.

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Chairperson Padilla requested that staff place on next month's agenda an item requesting a report from the police department as it relates to enforcement action at Centinela Park and Rogers Park regarding graffiti, substance abuse, and lewd conduct specifically at Centinela Park.

City Treasurer Wanda Brown commented on individuals in her neighborhood that does not reside there. She also commented on break-ins in the neighborhood. She stated that a request has been made to the police department requesting police surveillance in the area.

The City Treasurer commented that the Chief of Police has been an active participant in the City Treasurer's Intern Program and that Mr. Falkow has also been a supporter of the program.

Chairperson Padilla requested that staff provide a report on the crime year-to-date compared to last year for next month's meeting.

# **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Spencer and seconded by Vice Chairperson Smith that the minutes of the January 11, 2012, meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Chairperson Padilla recessed the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

# Review of Upcoming Cases

Mr. Falkow stated that discussions were held regarding how to look at cases. He further stated that in the past the CPOC would go into closed session and that they would get the case files and try to read through them. The perspective was that maybe there is a better way to review cases.

There was talk about possibly scanning the cases and bringing them into the executive conference room. The scanned cases could be placed on an overhead for the Commissioners to discuss.

Mr. Falkow stated potentially doing like other jurisdictions have done. The case files be provided to the Commissioners confidentially prior to a meeting.

Mr. Falkow stated the idea came up to provide the Commissioners with a CD of the case files. The Commissioners would have the ability to review the files prior to coming to the meeting.

# **CPOC** Template for Case Files

Mr. Falkow stated that if the Commissioners know ahead a time the structure of their comments and feedback. The Commissioners could convene into closed session and conduct a closed session very quickly because the Commissioners would have had the opportunity ahead of time to list their comments on the template.

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Mr. Falkow stated that there were discussions about commissioner rotation. Every month a specific Commissioner would be responsible for reviewing the cases and providing a presentation in closed session.

Chairperson Padilla stated he believes that the Commissioners agreed on using a CD. Each Commissioner would get a CD to review.

Chairperson Padilla requested that a CD be made available to each Commissioner. The Commissioners would sign for the CD, and at the meeting they would return the CD and sign.

Mr. Falkow advised the Commissioners that if anyone needs a laptop, a loaner could be provided.

Chairperson Padilla asked that the CPOC move forward in reviewing cases as soon as possible.

Vice Chairperson Smith suggested that the Commissioners be placed on the police notification list in regard to incidents and public relations.

Mr. Falkow stated that he would place the Commissioners on the press release list. He further stated that notifications of homicides or major events that he could forward them to the Commissioners.

Mr. Falkow stated in regard to the CD he would speak to Internal Affairs about how quickly it could be implemented.

Mr. Falkow stated that staff would be able to provide the Commissioners the specifics on how to pick up, how it would be distributed, and how to access case files at the next meeting. The CPOC meeting scheduled for July could be the first meeting that the Commissioners would come prepared to discuss the cases unless a special meeting was held.

Mr. Falkow asked Chairperson Padilla the start date for reviewing cases.

Chairperson Padilla stated January 1, 2012.

Chairperson Padilla requested that staff place discussion of the NACOLE Conference on the agenda for June.

## **COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS**

Mr. Falkow stated that the Chairperson asked staff to contact District 2 to find out the status of the appointment of a Commissioner for District 2. Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that communications were sent to District 2 Assistant. He further advised that as soon as staff receives information, staff will report back to the CPOC.

Mr. Falkow requested that the Commissioners send him a bio and a photo to be placed on the website.

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Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that the State of California maintained their position on the abolishment of redevelopment agencies throughout the State of California. As a result, the City had to evaluate the impact of the loss of Redevelopment and the impact to the general fund, which totals approximately \$2.4 million from this fiscal year budget and \$3.2 million going forward. As a result, a workforce reduction plan was prepared. The City Manager presented it to the City Council in April, and it was approved. It resulted in the direction to lay off six full time employees; 1 part-time employee; and the elimination of seven funded vacancies. The remaining shortfall is approximately \$780,000 for this year. The intent is to utilize one-time funds from various places such as the potential funds from the waste hauler contract and some other one-time funds.

Mr. Falkow stated that the Medal of Valor Luncheon is scheduled for May 10, 2012, and that he looks forward to seeing the Commissioners at the luncheon.

# **CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT**

There was no closed session.

# **STAFF REMARKS**

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that he will be at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California in October 2012 and January 2013.

# **COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS**

Commissioner Hall stated that she was glad to meet again. She also stated that she is sorry that the Chief is leaving. Commissioner Hall wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Commissioner Spencer stated he is happy to be here. He also stated that he is dedicated to the work. He wished the Chief the best.

Commissioner Smith thanked staff for their communication while he was out.

Commissioner Henandez stated that it was good to be back.

Vice Chairperson Smith gave a brief report on the gang activity at Rogers Park and on-going activities taken place in the restroom at Vincent Park.

Chairperson Padilla thanked Vice Chairperson Smith for the report. He further stated that he looks forward to receiving a report from the Police Department as to what enforcement actions they have taken at both parks at the next meeting. Chairperson Padilla stated that he looks forward to reviewing cases. He wished the mothers a wonderful Mother's Day.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.