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**Citizen Police Oversight Commission (CPOC)
Meeting
March 12, 2014
City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall
Minutes**

Members Present:

Chairperson Adrienne Sears
Vice Chairperson David P. Stewart
Commissioner Lee A. Denmon
Commissioner Jim Vaughan
Commissioner Linda R. Smith
Commissioner Rita Hall

Members Absent:

Commissioner Manuel Tigerino (excused)
Commissioner Gus Ungo (excused)
Commissioner Carol Willis (excused)
Commissioner Daniel Segura (unexcused)
Commissioner Linda Reyes (unexcused)

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael Falkow, Assistant City Manager
Mrs. Kathy Givens, Staff

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sears at 6:47 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairperson Stewart.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Sears requested an edit to the February 12, 2014, minutes: Page 3, Paragraph 9, should read "Chairperson Sears stated that she would like to revisit the Department of Justice's recommendations pertaining to the CPOC and review the CPOC's governing document to determine how the CPOC could be inserted in the process."

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Vaughan that the minutes of the February 12, 2014, be approved as revised.

The motion carried.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS

There were no commission advisor reports.

The CPOC recessed at 6:52 p.m.

The CPOC reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Presentation by Attorney Angela Powell, Manning & Kass Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP

Ms. Angela M. Powell of Manning & Kass Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP, discussed how the public has different perceptions of what law enforcement does. She further stated that her job is to counsel these agencies, train police agencies, and defend police officers and police agencies when they are sued by citizens.

Ms. Powell showed a video entitled the Monkey Business Illusion. She stated that police oversight has a responsibility to the community and that she applauds the commissioners for taking on the role. Ms. Powell stated that it is important that cities understand that someone is looking over what police officers and police agencies are doing.

Ms. Powell further stated that if a commissioner does not have law enforcement background, it is important to know what a police officer is facing, experiencing, and be able to look at the cases from a slightly different perception.

Ms. Powell showed a PowerPoint presentation and discussed what she looks for when reviewing cases.

Ms. Powell introduced Officer Griggs. Officer Griggs commented on discourteous police officers.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session held.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

There was no closed session report out.

STAFF REMARKS

Mr. Falkow reported that there are on-going negotiations taking place with four labor groups. He further reported that he hopes to have something on the City Council Agenda on March 25, 2014. Mr. Falkow stated that the four groups have agreed or are in the process to ratify their contracts. Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that it is likely that the two other groups will go to impasse and fact finding.

The CPOC recessed at 8:16 p.m.

The CPOC reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARK

Commissioner Vaughan commented on the incident that took place at Inglewood High School. He stated that the Inglewood Police Department did a good job responding. Commissioner Vaughan requested that the CPOC's website be updated.

Commissioner Hall commented that she was elated with the training. She also stated that she liked the idea of Chairperson Sears regarding the CPOC co-training with the police department. Commissioner Hall stated that she liked the input from Officer Griggs. She further stated that she appreciates the commissioners attending tonight's CPOC meeting. She encouraged the commissioners to strive to attend all the CPOC meetings.

Commissioner Denmon commented that morale is a problem in many departments, so let's do the best we can to improve it.

Vice Chairperson Stewart commented great job.

Chairperson Sears thanked staff for their long hours and the commissioners and public for coming out to the meeting. She also thanked Attorney Powell and Officer Griggs for their attendance at the meeting. Chairperson Sears stated that Attorney Powell's fee was pro bono. Chairperson Sears stated that she is trying to tap into resources of people who are willing to come out.

Chairperson Sears requested that Mr. Falkow contact Gloria of the Chief's office regarding the police department's training schedule to inquire what training sessions the commissioners can attend. Chairperson Sears requested to have the schedule at the next CPOC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.