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**Citizen Police Oversight Commission (CPOC)  
Meeting  
August 8, 2012  
City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall  
Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Chairperson Alex Padilla  
Commissioner Woody Hollier  
Commissioner Paul Smith  
Commissioner Danny Kirkpatrick  
Commissioner Wayne Spencer  
Commissioner Adrienne Sears  
Commissioner Linda Soto

**Members Absent:**

Vice Chairperson Alicia Smith (excused)  
Commissioner Maria Smietan (excused)  
Commissioner Rita Hall (excused)

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Michael D. Falkow, Assistant City Manager  
Mrs. Cynthia Herbert, Acting Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Padilla at 6:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Smith.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Commissioner Spencer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Wanda Solomon commented on the advisory residents meeting. She stated that she would like to be a part of the advisory board. She further stated that if the City Council does not correspond with the residents, maybe the assemblyman's office can address the residents' needs.

Mr. Herman Hill commented that he wanted the CPOC to contact the United States Department of Justice to request a compliance audit to determine whether or not the Inglewood Police Department has complied with the policing standards promulgated by the United States Superior Court. Mr. Hill commented on a murder case and stated that the case be referred to the United States Justice Department and FBI to determine who murdered the individual and whether or not the individual was provided with adequate protection by the Inglewood Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff.

Ms. Mary Bueno commented on an incident involving two students that occurred at Inglewood High School. She stated that she was advised that the parent and student attempted to file a report with the school police and the Inglewood Police Department, however, the two agencies did not address the matter. She is requesting that the CPOC investigate the matter.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ***Status of Hiring a Case Reviewer***

Mr. Falkow stated that he does not have any further information.

Commissioner Sears stated that the CPOC had money but was unable to tap into the dollars for this position. She further stated that it is frustrating that the CPOC has the political will but does not have the money to match the political will. Commissioner Sears requested that staff advise the CPOC if there are any changes from the city manager. She further stated that if there are any suggestions that the elected officials or legal may have as to how to fill the gap, the CPOC would be happy to hear their recommendations.

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that the denial to hire a case reviewer was based solely upon budgetary constraints. The budget was reduced last year due to the fiscal crisis. He further stated that the political will is there.

Commissioner Sears asked what are the chances that there are grant opportunities with the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice that may assist the CPOC.

Mr. Falkow stated that the Homeland Security dollars have shrunk considerably. Most of the monies are going toward specific counterterrorism projects, emergency preparedness, and emergency management activities. Mr. Falkow further stated that he has not read anything where the Department of Justice has specific funding to help oversight committees.

Commissioner Spencer stated if the CPOC uses its imagination, he is sure that there is something out there.

Chairperson Padilla stated that it is very hard to find those funds. There are very strict guidelines.

Commissioner Sears suggested enlisting the service of a civil rights attorney.

Chairperson Padilla asked Commissioner Sears if she could reach out to Attorney Dunn regarding donating his services to the CPOC.

Chairperson Padilla stated that if the commissioners have any idea regarding grants to let staff know so that staff can explore and report back to the CPOC.

Commissioner Hollier asked if the CPOC will have a workshop.

Mr. Falkow stated that he will communicate with the Mayor and city manager regarding a council workshop to discuss the future and direction of the CPOC, its structure, policies, procedures, and ethics.

### **COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS**

Mr. Falkow reminded the commissioners that he will be at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks in October. Therefore, he will not be available for the CPOC's October meeting.

Mr. Falkow reported to the CPOC that the city manager was scheduled to be on vacation this week and next week. The city manager notified staff that the trip was cancelled and that he will be returning to the office on Monday.

Mr. Falkow stated that at last week's city council meeting an agenda item regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter finance report showed a \$9.4 million structural deficit estimated for FY 2012/2013. The current gap closure measures do include maintaining the closure of the fire station to the end of 2012/2013. It also includes the hope that negotiations with six labor groups does culminate in a continuation of the current employees furlough. It also shows that there were other expenditures this fiscal year resulting in a gap of about \$2.5 million due to expenditures and write offs that were not taken into account at the beginning of this current fiscal year. The \$5 million fee that was charged to the waste hauler contract is intended to fill the gap and some may be used for next year's gap.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Citizen Police Oversight Commission recessed for closed session at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT**

Mr. Falkow stated that closed session was held, however, no final action was taken.

### **STAFF REMARKS**

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that the recording secretary is on vacation this week.

Mr. Falkow stated that he will inquire about the availability of the council members to attend a workshop for next month.

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS**

Commissioner Soto stated that she will speak with her appointing member about attending the workshop.

Commissioner Sears stated that she will speak with her appointing member regarding attending the workshop as well as supporting \$10,000 to be released for the NACOLE training. Commissioner Sears further stated she will attempt to contact Brian Dunn regarding possibly assigning or recruiting someone to be the CPOC case reviewer. She further stated she is happy about the training the commissioners will receive.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick stated that he is a new commissioner and is finding his way.

Commissioner Spencer stated that he supports maximize the CPOC budget so the commissioners can effectively train with NACOLE. He further stated that his council person is on board for the CPOC to be effective and to maximize their abilities.

Commissioner Hollier stated that he is not available after September 8<sup>th</sup>. He apologized that he will not be able to attend the NACOLE Conference.

Chairperson Padilla stated that tonight's training gave the commissioners an idea of what to expect. He stated that we want to make sure when the CPOC actually review cases the CPOC are doing a good and thorough job.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.