

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION  
January 27, 2022  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2022, was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Zoom meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Fire & Police Commissioners:

**PRESENT:**

Lizzie Rodriguez, Chair  
John Ahlman, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Dianne Travis-Teague

**ABSENT:**

Bernard Melekian, *Interim* Police Chief

**STAFF:**

Chris Mailles, Fire Chief  
Marylinda Arroyo, Commander (P.D.)  
Carol Lupo, Commission Secretary  
Nicole Kasper, Commission Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Revise order of agenda items; move selection of new liaisons (item #4) to after the discussion of the role of Fire and Police Liaisons (item #9).

**SELECTION OF NEW COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Travis-Teague nomination for Lizzie Rodriguez as Chair. Second by Commissioner Ahlman.

**ACTION:** Unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Travis-Teague nomination for Commissioner Ahlman as Vice Chair. Second by Chair Rodriguez.

**ACTION:** Unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 28, 2021**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Travis-Teague motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2021. Second by Vice Chair Ahlman.

**ACTION:** Unanimous voice vote

## **NEW COMMISSIONERS' OATH OF OFFICE**

Louisa Wood  
Barbara Anderson

## **DISCUSSION REGARDING ROLE OF LIAISON**

The liaison will meet one on one with Fire and Police Chiefs to discuss issues or matters related to the department, and then report on that information to the Fire and Police Commission.

## **SELECTION OF NEW LIAISONS FOR FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Ahlman self-nomination for Fire Department liaison. Second by Chair Rodriguez

**ACTION:** Unanimous voice vote

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wood self-nomination for Police Department liaison. Second by Commissioner Anderson.

**ACTION:** Unanimous voice vote

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- John Doimas to provide a future presentation of the role/responsibility of Fire and Police Commissioners.
- Update to Fire and Police Commission website; rules and regulations.
- Identification of Commissioners (business cards and/or ID badge)

## **FIRE AND POLICE LIAISON REPORTS**

**Police Liaison** – Vacant

None

**Fire Liaison** – John Ahlman

None

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

*Commander Arroyo*

- At the end of the year (2021) the commercial burglary and arson arrests were up.
- There was an increase in illness related absences among employees; patrol has been impacted and consequently officers have been required to work additional hours.
- Six Police Technicians (professional staff) have been hired to work in the Combined Communications Center (dispatch) as call takers and assist detectives in the Investigation Division.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

### *Chief Mailes*

- Introduction of Fire Department for new Commissioners; review of organization chart
- The Fire Department has an annual budget of approximately \$32 million; 90% of budget is operations related
- Goals for 2022 include GPS bases dispatching of apparatus, hiring of new employees, testing for promotions and preparation for move to Regional Fire Communication Facility.
- The Fire Department has received 11,875 calls for incidents in 2021; 73.8% of those calls are medical related.
- Introduction to Response Time Analytics which is based off call processing time, turnout time and travel time to determine total response time.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT / 5:50 PM**

**MOTION:** Chair Rodriguez requests to move for adjournment.

**ACTION:** Unanimous voice vote