

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 28, 2022  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2022, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the EOC Classroom- 121 W. Carrillo Street, Fire Station 1.

**ROLL CALL**

Fire & Police Commissioners:

**PRESENT:**

Lizzie Rodriguez, Chair  
John Ahlman, Vice Chair  
Barbara Anderson, Commissioner  
Louisa Wood, Commissioner

**ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF:**

Chris Mailes, Fire Chief  
Bernard Melekian, Interim Police Chief  
Carol Lupo, Commission Secretary  
Nicole Kasper, Commission Secretary

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2022, AND APRIL 7, 2022**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wood motion to approve minutes from February 24, 2022, and April 7, 2022. Commissioner Anderson seconds approval.

**ACTION:** Unanimous voice vote

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Chair Rodriguez requests to agendaize an update on the future Police Department Building.
- Commissioner Anderson requests to agendaize SBAct efforts and updates regarding homelessness.

## **VOTE-ADD TOW FEE INCREASE TO MAY AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Ahlman motion to approve tow fee increase be agendaized for May 26, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Anderson seconds approval.

**ACTION:** Unanimous voice vote

## **PRESENTATION FROM JOHN DOIMAS OUTLINING POWERS AND DUTIES OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION**

- The function of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is outlined in Section 816 of Article VIII of the S.B. City Charter.
- Pursuant to section 816(e) of the City Charter, additional duties allocated to the Commission prescribed in the S.B. Municipal Code (SBMC)

## **FIRE AND POLICE LIAISON REPORTS**

- **Police Liaison** – Commissioner Wood  
Recruitment for Police Chief closed with 31 applicants; at the end of May there will be community panels that will potentially involve Commissioners participation.
- **Fire Liaison** – John Ahlman
- A standards of cover study is being conducted for the Fire Department

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Chief Melekian

- The Police Department budget presentation to Council will be on May 20, 2022
- Staffing continues to present a challenge; 4 graduated from the academy in April and they are currently in post-academy training
- 7 Police Officer recruits started the academy in April
- S.B.P.D. is working with S.B. City College to discuss the option of offering a dispatch certification program
- Presentation from Lt. Hill regarding body worn cameras and the rollout of the body worn cameras to Officers

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Chief Mailes

- Continuing to test GPS based dispatch
- Fire Captain promotional exam resulted in 4 candidates who went through the interview process
- Community Risk Assessment Standards of Cover Study being conducted; the data will be compiled by a consultant to determine if there are any areas of concern.
- In the last quarter 71.6% of Fire Department calls are medical related

## **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- Community Formation Commission presented their final recommendations to City Council; a decision was not made during the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT / 5:51 PM**