

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
May 26, 2022
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting on Thursday, May 26, 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
Louisa Wood, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Chris Mailes, Fire Chief

STAFF:

Brian Federmann, Operations Division Chief
Bernard Melekian, Interim Police Chief
Carol Lupo, Commission Secretary
Nicole Kasper, Commission Secretary

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Wood motion to approve minutes from April 28, 2022. Commissioner Ahlman seconds approval.

ACTION: Unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Rodriguez requests to agendaize a discussion for the August meeting regarding long-term goals and plans for Fire & Police Commission.

APPEAL OF DENIAL FOR TAXI PERMIT-ROINED VARGAS

- Mr. Vargas was not present, denial of permit stands.

AG PROTECTION-PRIVATE PATROL APPLICATION

MOTION: Commissioner Wood motion to approve application. Commissioner Ahlman seconds approval.

ACTION: Unanimous voice vote

DISCUSSION REGARDING TOW OPERATOR FEE INCREASE

- Tow Compliance Officer proposed a \$25/hour increase to existing max tow rates per staff report. Tow operators are seeking a more substantial increase due to a four-year gap since the last increase. A special Fire & Police Commission meeting was set for June 8, 2022, to provide new proposal, allow for discussion, and for Commissioners to vote on revised tow rate increase.

POLICE AND FIRE LIAISON REPORTS

- **Police Liaison** – Commissioner Wood
Recruitment for Police Chief is down to three candidates, and interviews will be occurring on June 8, 2022.
- **Fire Liaison** – John Ahlman
- None

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Melekian

- The Police Department budget presentation to Council was on May 20, 2022, and Council did not recommend any changes to the budget.
- A presentation from the architects and Principal Project Manager regarding the future Police Department building. On June 28, 2022, the environmental document will be presented to Council, and if approved, will put the project into the next phase, and secure the site on Cota Street. Permit issuance is anticipated to be in late 2023, with construction anticipated in early 2024, and an estimated completion date of mid-2026.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Mailes

- The promotional process resulted in two new Fire Captains, and two new Fire Engineers.
- The Fire Department received approval to purchase one new ladder truck and one new pumper truck.
- The consultants are reviewing the data/feedback from the Standards of Cover Study

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

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