

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
June 23, 2022
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022, was called to order at 4:03 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:

John Doimas

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 MAY 26, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Wood motion to approve minutes from May 26, 2022. Commissioner Ahlman seconds approval.

ACTION: Unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPEAL OF DENIAL FOR TAXI PERMIT-ROINED (ROY) VARGAS WITH ACTION

MOTION: Commissioner Wood motion to accept offer by the Police Department for Roined Vargas to re-test, and should that test provide negative results, Roined Vargas may have his taxi permit re-instated. Vice Chair Ahlman seconds motion.

ACTION: Unanimous voice vote

APPEAL OF DENIAL FOR TAXI PERMIT-MAXIMINO VARGAS WITH ACTION

MOTION: Vice Chair Ahlman motion to accept offer by the Police Department for Maximino Vargas to re-test, and should that test provide negative results, Maximino Vargas may have his taxi permit re-instated. Commissioner Wood seconds motion.

ACTION: Unanimous voice vote

POLICE AND FIRE LIAISON REPORTS

- **Police Liaison** – Commissioner Wood
None
- **Fire Liaison** – John Ahlman
- Vice Chair Ahlman advised that Santa Barbara County Firesafe Council www.sbfiresafecouncil.org is in the process of applying for/receiving grant money to be used to help reduce wildland fires.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Melekian

- Response time to calls for service was 5.3 minutes for priority 1 calls; 7 minutes is the target time.
- Gang crimes are down; 7 year-to-date compared to 14 in 2021
- Traffic collisions are up; 316 year-to-date compared to 286 in 2021
- Violent crime is down 13% and property crime is down 11%
- Data regarding complaints: 2022 there are 8 complaints and in 2021 there were 5 complaints. Of the two years noted, 4 of those complaints are internal and 9 are external.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Mailes

- The Fire Warehouse Specialist position was eliminated, and salary savings were applied toward a full-time I.T. position.
- The standards of cover study has moved on the next phase which involves analysis of external and internal documents.
- The Fire Department budget was approved by City Council which included some reductions in spending. One of the reductions was to not fill a Fire Inspector (structural) position, but staffing levels remain at a normal level.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Chair Rodriguez met with Barbara Anderson to discuss the restructuring of the Fire and Police Commission

ADJOURNMENT / 5:33 PM