



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
January 26, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Santa Barbara City Hall, Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023, was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Fire & Police Commissioners:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Lizzie Rodriguez, Acting Chair
Linda Dozer, Commissioner
Daniel Herlinger, Commissioner
Ana Zepeda, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Gary Hill, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Mailes, Fire Chief
Kelly Gordon, Chief of Police
Barbara Andersen, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator
John S. Doimas, Assistant City Attorney
Carol Lupo, Commission Secretary
Nicole Kasper, Commission Secretary

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There are no changes to the agenda. Barbara Andersen did note that all of the Commissioners had previously taken their oath of office via the City Clerk. Additionally, for the first meeting Lizzie Rodriguez will be the acting Chair. The February meeting will include nominations and selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Planet Thunderstriker

NEW DUTIES & AUTHORITIES OF THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Barbara Andersen, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator, presented new duties and authorities assigned to the Fire and Police Commission regarding civilian oversight of the Police Department and Fire Department. The presentation also included information regarding components of the new Orientation and Training Program as detailed through the adopted Ordinance. Commissioners questions were answered.

BROWN ACT TRAINING PRESENTATION

John Doimas, Assistant City Attorney, presented on the requirements of California's Brown Act as it pertains to Fire & Police Commissioners. The Ralph M. Brown Act training explained who is covered under the Ralph M. Brown Act, what a meeting is, illegal meetings, noticing and agendas, public participation rights, closed sessions, and criminal penalties and civil remedies. The ethics training explained ethics laws on personal financial gain, perquisites of office, transparency, and fair process.

APPEAL OF RYAN WABNITZ'S DENIAL OF A TAXICAB OPERATOR PERMIT PURSUANT TO SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE 5.29.250

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Herlinger motions to deny appeal based on recommendation from the Santa Barbara Police Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dozer.
- **VOTE:** Unanimous electronic vote

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Gordon

- Chief Gordon has prioritized meeting with sworn and professional staff at the Police Department
- Statistics regarding overall crime, and current staffing levels for professional and sworn staff.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Mailes

- Fire Department organization chart review; location of City of Santa Barbara fire stations
- Goals of the Santa Barbara City Fire Department for 2023.
- Annual call volume; incident statistics

NEW BUSINESS

- Recommendation: Acting Chair Rodriguez requested that the Fire and Police Commission receive an update during the February meeting from Chief Mailes regarding the ambulance services contract.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Barbara Andersen and Chief Gordon had introductory meetings with each of the Commissioners prior to the first Fire & Police meeting.

ADJOURNMENT / 5:47 PM