CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
April 25, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Santa Barbara City Hall, Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024 was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:
Linda Dozer, Chair
Gary Hill, Vice Chair
Dan Herlinger, Commissioner
Aaron Jones, Commissioner
Lizzie Rodriguez, Commissioner

Staff Present:
Keith DeMartini, Finance Director
Kelly Gordon, Police Chief
Charlie Katsapis, Commander, Santa Barbara Police Department
Alec Ayala, Administrative Analyst, Santa Barbara Police Department
Chris Mailes, Fire Chief
Amy Van Atta, Business Officer, Santa Barbara Fire Department
John Doimas, Assistant City Attorney
Barbara Andersen, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator
Nicole Grisanti, Administrator's Office Supervisor
Talhia Dorado, Commission Secretary

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
None.

CONSENT AGENDA

a.   Approval of Private Patrol Operator Permit for Simply Safe Security Co.

VOTE: Vote by name results showed **5:0**; (5) in favor of approving minutes. Motion Passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No Public Comment Received.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 28, 2024

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hill to approve the March 28, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herlinger.

VOTE: Vote by name results showed **5:0**; (5) in favor of approving minutes. Motion Passes unanimously.

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA FY2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW AND POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES

Finance Director Keith DeMartini provided an overview of the City of Santa Barbara FY2025 budget and then Police Chief Gordon and Fire Chief Mailes shared more detail in regard to the fiscal priorities and challenges of their respective departments.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to issue a public statement that the Fire and Police Commission received the Budget Report from the Fire and Police Department on April 25, 2024 and accepts the City Administrator's recommended FY25 budget with the recommendation that the allocation for Fire Department Training and Supplies at $12,500 and Training Overtime at $40,000 be reinstated. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herlinger.

VOTE: Vote by name results showed **4:1**; (4) in favor of approving minutes and (1) Abstention. Motion Passes.

SANTA BARBARA POLICE DEPARTMENT RACIAL IDENTITY AND PROFILING ACT (RIPA) ANNUAL DATA REPORT

Police Chief Gordon and Commander Katsapis presented the Racial Identity and Profiling Act (RIPA) 2023 Data Report for the Santa Barbara Police Department.

MOTION: A motion was made by Chair Dozer to move Agenda Item 9 Santa Barbara Police Department Mission Strategies Report and Item 10 Santa Barbara Fire Department Incident Reporting Data to Fire and Police Agenda for May 23, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herlinger.

VOTE: Vote by name results showed **5:0**; (5) in favor of approving minutes. Motion Passes unanimously.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON COMPLAINTS OF POLICE MISCONDUCT

Commander Katsapis of the Police Department spoke to the required quarterly reporting of internal and external complaints of police misconduct received by the Department.

PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM THE COMMISSION

MOTION: A motion was made by Chair Dozer to accept the first public statement from the Fire and Police Commission with changes to the Title as noted and discussed, "First Public Statement and Hearing More From Our Community is a Top Priority" and the addition of a footnote to the OIR Group with link to the organization's website. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herlinger.

VOTE: Vote by name results showed **5:0**; (5) in favor of approving minutes. Motion Passes unanimously.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Rodriguez shared the experience of her third ride-along with Santa Barbara Police Department. Commissioner Jones shared similar sentiment in regard to his personal ride-along experience.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.