

These minutes will be considered for approval at the Public Safety Committee Meeting of 09/28/2021

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 24, 2021
TELECONFERENCE ONLY VIA
www.san-clemente.org/live**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Berkuta called the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of San Clemente to order at 3:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was available to the public via live stream from the City's YouTube Channel.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Janis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Committee

Members Present: *Chair Nick Berkuta
*Vice Chair Joe Janis
*Gary Walsh
*Rick Loeffler
*Marine Safety Captain Mellott
*Chief Capobianco, Orange County Fire Authority (arrived 3:10 p.m.)

Committee

Members Absent: Captain Benfield, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Staff Present: *Adam Atamian, Manager – Deputy Community Development Director

*Participated in the meeting via teleconference

4. REGULAR ORDERS OF BUSINESS / REGULAR PRESENTATIONS

A. Randy Harper, O.C.S.D. Assistant Emergency Manager with the Emergency Management Division, provided an overview and answered questions pertaining to Operational Area efforts, rules of disasters, community expectations, hazards, facility statistics, and National Incident Management System (NIMS).

5. MINUTES**A. Minutes from the Regular Public Safety Committee meeting of July 27, 2021.**

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LOEFFLER, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR JANIS, AND CARRIED 3-0-1 with Committee Member Walsh absent to approve the minutes from the Public Safety Committee of July 27, 2021 as submitted.

6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None.

7. REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Communications and Disaster Preparedness Project Update:**

Chair Berkuta reported working on a presentation from the County Health Department for an upcoming meeting.

B. Homelessness Project Update:

Committee Member Loeffler stated the homeless component of the committee was redirected back to the Human Affairs Committee to address the homeless issues the City Council deems necessary. Additionally, he praised Karlie Hunter, City of San Clemente Community Outreach Worker, on the work she is doing in the field.

C. Legislation Review Project Update:

No updates to report.

D. Neighborhood Watch Project Update:

Vice Chair Janis provided updates on the new webpage, how to proceed and will be meeting with the O.C.S.D. Crime Prevention Specialist in near future.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

- A. Police Services – Orange County Sheriff’s Department Captain Benfield
- B. Fire Services – Chief of San Clemente Fire Services, Chief Capobianco
- C. Marine Safety – Marine Safety Division Captain Mellott
- D. Committee Chair
- E. Committee Members
- F. City Staff

Chief Capobianco provided updates on the fires in Northern California as they are experiencing another historic fire season. Fire departments throughout Southern California through a mutual aid system share resources up north this time of year since Southern California’s fire season does not occur until September, October, and November. OCFA has a strike team in Northern California and they are looking to extend additional teams while continuing to balance staffing needs locally. OCFA is experiencing a slow rise in Covid cases, but they are still maintaining a balanced staff.

Capt. Mellott reported with school back in session Marine Safety has decreased staffing during the week to one tower and summer staffing on weekends through Labor Day. The 2021 Junior Lifeguard program was a success with approximately 800 kids in different sessions over the course of the summer. Marine Safety averaged 17 rescues per day and 1,600 rescues to date this year. Additionally, he thanked Adam Atamian, Karlie Hunter, and the Park Rangers for their intervening with the homeless. Marine Safety staff is experiencing a rise in Covid cases or exposures, but they are maintaining and balancing shifts.

Chair Berkuta read a letter of commendation to Gary Walsh and thanked him for his accomplishments while on the Public Safety Committee and Joint Homeless Subcommittee. He also stated the Public Safety Committee members will be sworn in on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Committee member Loeffler reported he has been in communication with most of the Councilmembers to get City Council’s vision and topics they would like the Public Safety Committee to address and include on their work plan. He also reported there will be a line of direct contact to reach the City Council in the event there is an issue or something City Council needs to be informed of which will facilitate the Public Safety Committee as well.

City Staff reported the work plan for the fiscal year is typically due to City Council in October, but due to the delay in terms, this may get pushed to the first meeting in November. To expedite the process, he will be distributing the FY 2020/21 work plan and additional related documents for ideas that may be included on the upcoming work plan for FY 2021/22 which will be agendaized to discuss and draft at their Regular Meeting on September 28, 2021. Additionally, he

announced he has accepted a new position with the City, Deputy Community Development Director, and highlighted what the position entails.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY CHAIR BERKUTA, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LOEFFLER, AND CARRIED 3-0-1 with Committee Member Walsh absent to adjourn at 3:58 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Berkuta, Chair

Attest:

Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director