

These minutes were approved at the Public Safety Committee Meeting of 3/28/2023

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
February 28, 2023**

**City Hall  
First Floor Community Room  
910 Calle Negocio  
San Clemente, CA 92673**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Loeffler called the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of San Clemente to order at 3:04 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Loeffler led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. ROLL CALL**

Committee

Members Present: Chair Rick Loeffler  
Vice Chair Charles Hightower  
Nick Berkuta  
Michael Greenwald  
Captain Rod Mellott, Marine Safety  
Captain Jay Christian, Orange County Sheriff Department

Members Absent: Scotland Roeber  
Chief Cheyene Maule, Orange County Fire Authority

Staff Present: Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director  
Tamara Tatich, Office Assistant

Special Guests: Tom Streeter and Donna Vidrine San Clemente  
Collaborative members

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Recreational and Oversized Vehicle Regulation and Recommendation**

Chair Loeffler suggested use of the Dana Point ordinance due to its clarity and as a neighboring city. He stated overnight camping was already addressed in the Code.

Captain Christian discussed issues with enforcement of camping in vehicles. He stated recreational vehicle was defined by the California Vehicle Code. He stated parking regulations were currently being enforced.

Chair Loeffler stated he met with City Manager Hall and suggested use of Code Enforcement where OCSD might not be able to take action.

Member Berkuta stated the San Clemente ordinance was too wordy. He discussed *Martin v. Boise* and the need for a regional shelter. Chair Loeffler stated the existing code was hard to understand, therefore, he suggested the Dana Point language.

Deputy Community Development Director Atamian stated specific vehicle size could be identified.

Vice Chair Hightower questioned the limitation of overnight parking and 36-hour restriction. He suggested allowing 72-hour parking with a permit.

Chair Loeffler stated the permit process could be added to the ordinance.

Tom Streeter, San Clemente Homeless Collaborative, encouraged adoption of an ordinance in order to enforce RV parking.

Donna Vidrine encouraged a safe parking program, where Community Outreach, Code Compliance and Sheriffs could interact with those living in vehicles.

Chair Loeffler stated the Human Affairs Committee Work Plan included a parking program. He suggested the use of the Dana Point ordinance adding identification of the Health and Safety Code definition of RV and a link to the phone number to extend the permit.

In response to Committee questions, Deputy Community Development Director Atamian stated the consequences were listed in Title 1, misdemeanors with authority to issue an infraction. He discussed difficulty with enforcing time limited restrictions. He reiterated that the direction from Council was to streamline the process to enable easier enforcement.

**MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GREENWALD, SECOND BY CHAIR LOEFFLER, AND CARRIED 4-0, Member Roeber absent, to recommend use of the Dana Point ordinance adding the definition of recreational vehicle from the**

California Health and Safety Code and providing the phone number to obtain permits.

#### **4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Presentation by Mike Muskovin from "PREPARED"**

Mike Muskovin and Kim Kaplan, PREPARED, provided an overview on PREPARED communication centers for Police, Fire and EMS.

In response to Committee questions, Mr. Muskovin confirmed that the Orange County Sheriff's Department would be using the service; explained the simple user interface, training for dispatchers, archiving of records, smart phone requirements, call transfers from California Highway Patrol (CHP) to the Police Department, future bundling of videos, Fourth Amendment and permission to record, and additional advanced capabilities for cost.

#### **5. MINUTES**

##### **A. Minutes from the Regular Public Safety Committee meeting of January 24, 2023**

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR HIGHTOWER, SECOND BY MEMBER GREENWALD AND CARRIED 4-0, Member Roeber absent, to approve the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting of January 24, 2023.

#### **6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

Tom Streeter, Co-Chair of Homeless Collaborative, referenced the legality of Fourth Amendment Right related to recording incidents.

Member Berkuta discussed potential defense attorney use of Fourth Amendment Rights.

#### **7. REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **A. Marine Safety Performance Measures FY 2023 Q1**

Captain Mellott indicated he was available to respond to questions.

The Committee commended Marine Safety services.

Chair Loeffler explained the involvement of the public safety groups requesting inclusion in the Public Safety Committee meetings and thanked them.

Vice Chair Hightower requested the number of violations for e-bikes on the beach trail. Captain Mellott stated he was aware of only one and Council direction should be provided if the Committee wanted those statistics. He discussed public education on bike safety.

Member Berkuta suggested consideration of the number of injuries due to e-bikes.

**B. OCSD Performance Measures FY 2023 Q1**

In response to Committee questions, Captain Christian explained Group A Crime statistics; and response times.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Public Safety Committee Annual Work Plan FY2022-2023**

**2. Homelessness and Best Management Practices for Public Safety Personnel Project Update**

Chair Loeffler stated he met with the new City Manager to tour the encampment at North Beach. He stated staff would begin noticing removal of personal belongings and making the play area more family friendly. He discussed the CARE Act and lack of funding.

**3. Legislative Review**

None.

**4. Neighborhood Watch**

Chair Loeffler stated the new Crime Prevention Specialist would be working with the Committee on the program and discussed the online application process.

Member Greenwald discussed efforts to work with management companies to start neighborhood watch programs with the various HOAs.

**5. Statistical Information and Review**

Vice Chair Hightower discussed the ambulance service contract and expressed concern regarding average response time.

**6. Human Trafficking**

None.

**7. E-Bicycle/Traffic Safety**

Vice Chair Hightower provided statistics related to e-bike injuries. He suggested providing recommendations to the Council to improve safety; and developing a data base of e-bike injuries.

Chair Loeffler suggested law enforcement provide education on helmets. The Committee discussed helmet requirements.

**1. Communications and Disaster Preparedness Project Update**

Vice Chair Hightower discussed the wireless priority system and governmental emergency telecommunications service.

Member Berkuta explained prioritization of phone service for public safety workers during disasters.

**8. Technology Review**

None.

**9. Review of Urgent Matters**

Chair Loeffler stated he would work with Deputy Community Development Director Atamian to draft a memo to the City Council recommending participation in the PREPARED program.

**10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF**

**A. Police Services – Orange County Sheriff’s Department Captain Christian**

Captain Christian stated reserves would be trained to enforce e-bikes on the beach trail. He provided statistics on e-bike collisions for 2022. He discussed the recent vandalism of Sheriff vehicles. He stated the Council had not yet approved the FLOCK camera agreement.

**B. Fire Services – Orange County Fire Authority, Chief Maule**

None.

**C. Marine Safety – Marine Safety Division Captain Mellott**

Captain Mellott provided an overview of recertification and rookie training; weather, pier jumpers; service to homeless; vandalism and efforts to deter activity; upcoming 5K/10K; and 9-17-year-old swim tests.

**D. Committee Chair**

None.

**E. Committee Members**

Member Berkuta announced CERT training; postponement of tsunami training to April; and upcoming tsunami walk.

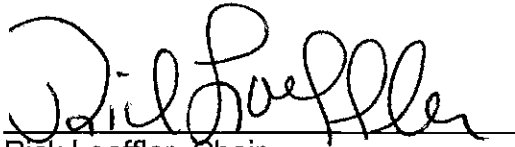
**F. City Staff**

None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BERKUTA, SECOND BY MEMBER GREENWALD, AND CARRIED 4-0, Member Roeber absent, to adjourn at 5:16 PM to the next Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Loeffler, Chair

Attest:



Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director