

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
May 23, 2023**

**City Hall  
Community Conference 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 3:00 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  
Michael Greenwald  
Captain Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Division  
Chief Cheyne Maule, Orange County Fire Authority

Absent: Nick Berkuta  
Scotland Roeber  
Captain Jay Christian, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Staff Present: Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director  
(arrived at 3:40 p.m.)  
Natanya Wilcher, Office Assistant  
Danielle Sorahan, Code Compliance Manager

Special Guests: Vishal Raj, representing Falk Mobile Health Corporation dba  
Care Ambulance

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

None

**5. MINUTES****A. Minutes from the Regular Public Safety Committee meeting of April 25, 2023**

MOTION BY MEMBER GREENWALD, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR HIGHTOWER AND CARRIED 3-0-2, Members Berkuta and Roeber absent, to approve the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting of April 25, 2023, amended to change “under the bed bags” to “under the bed bags (go-bags)” in Section 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph and correct Tower to Hightower in Section 9.A.2, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

**6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

Bill Kreutinger, Technical Director for Tri-cities RACES, made an announcement regarding the installation of digital emergency data equipment in the surrounding communities.

**7. REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS****A. Care Ambulance Performance Measure FY 2023 Q2**

Member Greenwald expressed concern with the lack of performance measures in the contract.

Vice Chair Hightower expressed concern about the response time goal not being met, and inquired about the efforts being made to reduce the response time.

Vishal Raj, representing Care Ambulance, addressed the Committee regarding inquires to FY2023 Q2 Performance Measures. He discussed response times and the need for additional staffing.

Chair Loeffler stated Member Roeber would be contacting them regarding the discrepancy between the OCFA and ambulance data.

**B. Marine Safety Performance Measures FY2023 Q2**

Chief Cheyene Maule summarized the FY 2023 Q2 Performance Measures.

In response to Chair Loeffler, Chief Maule discussed a recent call involving an unconscious male.

**C. OCSD Performance Measures FY 2023 Q2**

Chair Loeffler questioned the workload output calculation. He stated that the City Council considered hiring a security company, but ultimately decided to hire four deputies to patrol a key designated area.

Vice Chair Hightower pointed out the percent change in Group A crimes resulting from a new calculation method. He then requested that Captain Christian provide clarification regarding the reference to dividing effectiveness by zero.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

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

Vice Chair Hightower discussed various efforts related to emergency preparedness, including the Red Cross Emergency Shelter; Emergency Food Supply and Distribution (Abound Food Care); Wireless Priority Service (WPS); and Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS).

Chair Loeffler explained that the Emergency Food Supply and Distribution was tabled due to Councilmember Cabral wanting additional information on the process.

Deputy Director Atamian stated Public Works is working on the wireless priority service.

**8. Technology Review**

Vice Chair Hightower discussed mobile security system technology that has proven effective for addressing problems at City beaches, parks and illegal RV parking. He stated presentations were received from Live View Technologies and Covert Law Enforcement and the cost per year was quoted at \$92,042. He suggested use of mobile and fixed autonomous surveillance systems to maintain public safety at North Beach and other areas in the City.

Chief Maule stated he did not have experience with the proposed system.

Captain Mellott discussed the existing cameras, which he found to be very effective.

Deputy Director Atamian stated staff was not available to watch live footage.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR HIGHTOWER, SECOND BY CHAIR LOEFFLER AND CARRIED 3-0-2, Members Roeber and Berkuta absent, to bring back an item on autonomous security cameras and invite the IT Manager to discuss the existing camera system.

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

Vice Chair Hightower discussed a complaint regarding e-bikes on the trails by Rancho San Clemente. He discussed two relevant bills, namely AB 1946 requiring the CHP to establish an e-bike program, and AB 1909, a bicycle omnibus bill allowing cities to regulate e-bikes. Additionally, he made reference to the City of Carlsbad's code concerning the use of e-bikes on trails.

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

None.

### **3. Legislation Review**

Chair Loeffler discussed AB 7, a legislative bill concerning the Housing Element.

### **4. Neighborhood Watch**

Chair Loeffler discussed recent community meetings.

### **5. Statistical Information and Review**

None.

### **6. Human Trafficking**

Chair Loeffler discussed conversations with Brenda Wells regarding plaques.

**9. Review of Urgent Matters**

None.

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

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

None.

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

Chief Maule provided an update, stating that there had been one e-bike incident since the last meeting. He further discussed a recent vehicle accident involving the dumping of pool chemicals; an incident at Casa Romantica; a fatal fire; drowning prevention; and the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks safety campaign.

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

None.

**E. Committee Members**

Member Greenwald thanked the representatives for attending.

Vice Chair Hightower echoed recognition of staff.

**D. Committee Chair**

Chair Loeffler expressed excitement about the potential new members.

**F. City Staff**

Code Compliance Manager Sorahan expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to serve the City.

Director Atamian discussed complaints regarding e-bikes which were forwarded to OCSD.

Member Greenwald asked about distributing Neighborhood Watch information at the shredding event on the June 10, 2023.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR HIGHTOWER, SECOND BY MEMBER LOEFFLER, AND CARRIED 3-2, Members Berkuta and Roeber absent, to adjourn at 4:22 PM to the next Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, California.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rick Loeffler, Chair

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Danielle Sorahan, Code Compliance Manager