

These minutes were approved at the Public Safety Committee Meeting of 06/25/2024.

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MAY 28, 2024**

**City Hall
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
910 Calle Negocio
San Clemente, CA 92673**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Berkuta called the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of San Clemente to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Mark Rhoden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Committee

Members Present: Chair Nick Berkuta
Vice Chair Michael Greenwald
Mark Rhoden
Captain Jay Christian
Chief Rod Mellott

Committee

Members Absent: Scotland Roeber
Gary Walsh
Chief Cheyne Maule

Staff Present: Danielle Sorahan, Code Compliance Manager (left at 3:45 p.m.)
Natanya Wilcher, Office Specialist II
Adam Atamian, Community Development Director (arrived at 3:44 p.m.)

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS / PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. **MINUTES**

A. Minutes from the Regular Public Safety Committee Meeting of April 23, 2024

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR GREENWALD, SECOND BY MEMBER RHODEN, AND CARRIED 3-0-2, (MEMBERS ROEBER AND WALSH ABSENT) to approve the April 23, 2024 Minutes.

6. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

None.

7. **REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. OCSD Performance Measures FY2024 Q2

Captain Jay Christian presented the Quarter 2 Performance Measures.

In response to Vice Chair Greenwald, Captain Christian explained the different reporting methods and indicated there were less calls for service and arrests were down. He indicated burglaries were up for March 2024 but back down in April 2024, and there were a few sophisticated home burglaries, consistent with nationwide issues. Vice Chair Greenwald commended the Department on its interactions with the public.

Chair Berkuta asked about the RSVP program membership. Captain Christian stated there were currently 23 members, down from 30 members pre-COVID. In response to Chair Berkuta's question Captain Christian clarified the Group A and Group B type crimes.

In response to Member Rhoden, Captain Christian stated he could not surmise the reason for the 66 felony arrests. He discussed the Outlet operation which yielded at least 20 arrests for organized retail theft, which were processed via vertical prosecution.

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

A. City staff

In response to Vice Chair Greenwald, Code Compliance Manager Sorahan reiterated the results of the massage parlor inspections.

7. **REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

B. Marine Safety Performance Measures FY2024 Q2

Chief Rod Mellott presented the Quarter 2 Performance Measures.

In response to Committee questions, Chief Mellott stated the new sand was amazing. He discussed a recent shark incident. He provided updates on the Junior Lifeguard Program; trash enclosure project; and funding for the Mariposa Bridge replacement.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Committee Annual Work Plan FY2023-2024

(1) Communications and Disaster Preparedness Project Update

None.

(2) Homelessness and Best Management Practices for Public Safety Personnel Project Update

Chair Berkuta discussed the results of the Point in Time Count and discrepancy between the City's count.

Member Rhoden questioned the issue with the County's number being incorrect.

(3) Neighborhood Watch

Vice Chair Greenwald discussed block captain sign ups and issues with lack of follow through.

Chair Berkuta discussed the need for an update on existing signs. Vice Chair Greenwald suggested existing staff count the signs.

(4) Statistical Information and Review

None.

(5) Human Trafficking

Vice Chair Greenwald indicated he had reached out Stacy Enmeier of the i-5 Freedom Network regarding human trafficking in the area but has yet to hear back.

Code Compliance Manager Sorahan stated Code Enforcement was not responsible for hotel enforcement.

Member Rhoden stated in his experience, hotel/motel employees were not a common form of human trafficking. He stated there was no way to proactively sus out issues with occupations such as in-home nannies.

(6) E-Bicycle/Traffic Safety

Chair Berkuta discussed the Channel 7 press release on Hermosa Beach impounding electric motorcycles and citations for e-bikes and the creation of a beach cities task force.

In response to Chair Berkuta, Community Development Director Atamian discussed the Council's action on the Committee's recommendations on an e-bike ordinance.

(7) Technology Review

Chair Berkuta discussed a FLOCK license plate reader webinar. Captain Christian confirmed it was a great tool.

(8) Review of Urgent Matters

None.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF (Continued)

A. Police Services – Orange County Sheriff's Department Capt. Christian

Captain Christian reported on the Bicycle Safety Month events at the schools during May; MADD Awards on May 9; and Auto Theft Advisory Committee Award.

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

None.

C. Marine Safety – Marine Safety Division Capt. Mellott

Chief Mellott reported on the Council proclamation for National Marine Safety Month; summer hours and staffing levels; safety statistics; recent incidents; CERT class; completion of the substation; promotions; sidewalk CPR course; special events; sand replenishment project; and grants for lifeguards and junior lifeguards.

In response to Committee questions, Chief Mellott explained the impact of the grunion run on sand replenishment. He discussed sand quality and additional replenishment.

D. Committee Chair

Chair Berkuta announced that Member Roeber would not be reapplying for another term on the Committee. He stated he would be touring the Capo Beach School District EOC with the City Manager and Councilmember Loeffler on June 10.

In response to Chair Berkuta, Community Development Director Atamian discussed the proposed Public Safety Department and Emergency Services Coordinator position. He indicated the proposed budget was available on the City's website.

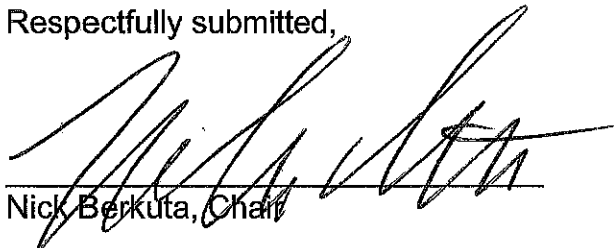
E. Committee members

Vice Chair Greenwald and Member Rhoden thanked the public safety partners.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER RHODEN, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR GREENWALD, AND CARRIED 3-0-2 (MEMBERS ROEBER AND WALSH ABSENT), to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m., to the next Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers of City Hall at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Nick Berkuta, Chair

Attest:



Danielle Sorahan, Code Compliance Manager