

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 27, 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 3:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Neri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Committee

Members Present: Chair Nick Berkuta
Vice Chair Michael Greenwald
Seth Neri
Mark Rhoden
Chief Cheyne Maule
Captain Jay Christian (arrived at 3:03 p.m.)
Chief Rod Mellott

Committee

Members Absent: Tom Hazelton

Staff Present: Adam Atamian, Community Development Director
Natanya Wilcher, Office Specialist II

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS / PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation by Ryan Case, OCSD Crime Prevention Specialist, on Neighborhood Watch

Ryan Case summarized his background; purpose of his position; and update on Neighborhood Watch.

In response to Committee questions, Community Development Director Atamian and Mr. Case discussed opportunities for Neighborhood Watch videos; use of the \$15,000 budget; efforts to promote the program; budget for give aways; funding for signage; and current budget and needs.

5. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the Regular Public Safety Committee Meeting of June 25, 2024

MOTION BY MEMBER RHODEN, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR GREENWALD, AND CARRIED 4-1 (MEMBER HAZELTON ABSENT) to approve the minutes.

B. Minutes from the Regular Public Safety Committee Meeting of July 23, 2024

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR GREENWALD, SECOND BY MEMBER NERI, AND CARRIED 3-1-1 (MEMBER RHODEN ABSTAINING AND MEMBER HAZELTON ABSENT) to approve the minutes.

6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Lois McNicoll, community member, expressed concern about witnessing a drug handoff in the middle of a street.

7. REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. OCSD Performance Measures FY2024 Q3

Captain Christian presented the Third Quarter Performance Measures.

In response to Committee questions, Captain Christian and Community Development Director Atamian explained staff responsibilities for parking and e-bike enforcement.

B. Marine Safety Performance Measures FY2024 Q3

Chief Mellott provided Performance Measures for FY2024 Q3.

In response to Committee questions, Chief Mellott provided information on the Junior Lifeguard Program; sand replenishment; completion of North Beach substation; and staffing needs.

Community Development Director Atamian discussed timing of the quarterly reports.

8. NEW BUSINESS**A. Nomination and Selection of Public Safety Committee Chair and Vice-Chair**

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR GREENWALD, SECOND BY MEMBER RHODEN AND CARRIED 4-1 (MEMBER HAZELTON ABSENT) to nominate Nick Berkuta as Chair.

MOTION BY MEMBER RHODEN, SECOND BY MEMBER BERKUTA AND CARRIED 4-1 (MEMBER HAZELTON ABSENT) to nominate Michael Greenwald as Vice Chair.

B. Consideration and Development of Public Safety Committee FY 2024-2025 Work Plan

The Commission discussed whether to add Park Rangers to the Work Plan and reviewed the existing Work Plan items.

Community Development Atamian discussed the Communications and Disaster Preparedness work plan item and update to Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Emergency Management Coordinator position, and Emergency Operations Center.

Communications and Disaster Preparedness Project Update

Change Deliverables - At the conclusion of related projects or studies, the PSC will report related findings or recommendations to the City Council for further action.

Update Project Timeline to current Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Homelessness and Best Management Practices for Public Safety Personnel Project Update

Change Deliverables - At the conclusion of related projects or studies, the PSC will report related findings or recommendations to the City Council for further action.

Update Project Timeline to current Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Neighborhood Watch

Change Estimated Project Cost to up to \$5,000 for promotional items and printing, \$5,000 for potential additional City staff time and up to \$5,000 for additional neighborhood watch signs.

Change Deliverables - At the conclusion of related projects or studies, the PSC will report related findings or recommendations to the City Council for further action.

Update Project Timeline to current Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Statistical Information and Review

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Update Project Timeline to current Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Human Trafficking

Update Project Timeline to current Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

E-Bicycle/Traffic Safety

Update Project Timeline to current Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Technology Review

Update Project Timeline to current Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Review of Urgent Matters

Update Project Timeline to current Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR GREENWALD, SECOND BY MEMBER RHODEN AND CARRIED 4-1 (MEMBER HAZELTON ABSENT) to approve the modifications to the Workplan as noted and to discuss adding a new Work Plan project for the Park Ranger Program at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

None.

(3) Neighborhood Watch

None.

(4) Statistical Information and Review

None.

(5) Human Trafficking

None.

(6) E-Bicycle/Traffic Safety

None.

(7) Technology Review

None.

(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 responses; concentrated e-bike enforcement; and stabbing at Max Berg Park.

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

Chief Maule provided an update on the busy start to fire season; Fire Hawks in service; and joint training between Fire, Sheriff and OES.

Community Development Director Atamian discussed CERT training.

C. Marine Safety – Marine Safety Division Capt. Mellott

Chief Mellott provided statistics on visitors, rescues, preventative actions, public education contacts, medical and law enforcement incidents; staffing through Labor Day; water temperatures; successful Junior Lifeguard Program; Lifeguard of the Year; special events; stingray incidents; and work with Shark Labs Cal State Long Beach.

D. Committee Chair

None.

E. Committee members

The Committee thanked staff and public safety officers.

F. City Staff

Community Development Director Atamian announced the opportunity for public feedback on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and the Council’s consideration of an ordinance on camping and storage of personal belongings.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY CHAIR BERKUTA, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR GREENWALD, AND CARRIED 4-1 (MEMBER HAZELTON ABSENT), to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m., to the next Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 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:

Adam Atamian, Community Development Director