

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
March 5, 2018**

Chair Sandoval called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California. Responding to roll call were Chair Sandoval, Vice Chair Voettiner, Commissioner Martinez and Commissioner Chavez. Also in attendance were Kevin Gano, Deputy City Manager; Joshua Yordt, Public Safety Manager; Nicole Amescua, Management Analyst; and Norma Cruz, Office Assistant II. City Manager Jesus Gomez was present in the audience and he was introduced to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sandoval called for approval of the minutes from the Public Safety Commission meeting held on November 5, 2017. Vice Chair Voettiner motioned for approval, with Commissioner Chavez seconding the motion.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Martinez, Chair Sandoval, and Vice Chair Voettiner

NOES:

ABSENT:

NEW BUSINESS

Residential Preferential Parking Overview

Ms. Amescua gave a brief report on the preferential parking overview. She requested the Public Safety Commission to review and evaluate Chapter 10.12 of the Norwalk Municipal code and the administration of the preferential parking process in order to provide recommendations on any necessary updates.

Vice Chair Voettiner suggested to replace the permit bumper stickers with a hard plastic hanging permit. Chair Sandoval requested to give residents a choice to have either sticker or plastic as they prefer.

Ms. Amescua said that Public Safety can send out a survey or host a special meeting to talk about the topic. Chair Sandoval suggested that a survey include questions of whether preferential parking is working for the residents. Vice Chair Voettiner suggested to ask if more visitor permits are needed per household. Mr. Yordt said that the residents can always contact the office to request an exemption on vehicles from one to a large party; he said that the supervisor then checks the area for approval.

Chair Sandoval asked for the Commission to be notified if a preferential parking petition is approved at a City Council meeting. Vice Chair Voettiner suggested to invite the public to the Public Safety Commissioners meeting to address any issues.

Public Hearing – Appeal to Notice of Intent to Abate a Utility Trailer located on parcel Number 8078-010-018 – 10800 block of Hopland Street

Mr. Yordt gave background report on the public hearing appeal and ask the Commission for a determination on the matter.

Char Sandoval asked the appellant Mr. Kaleem, to elaborate on his appeal. Mr. Kaleem said he has a recreational vehicle on the property, and he wants to put a homeless person there to help him recover from his homelessness. He said he has tried to get a permit from the City Planning Department but has not been successful. He is asking the Commission for more time to get the permits in place. Mr. Kaleem said he stays in the recreational vehicle, but he does not live there.

Being no more discussions, Vice Chair Voettiner moved and Commissioner Chavez seconded to have the trailer removed within 72 hours.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chair Sandoval, Vice Chair Voettiner, Commissioner Martinez, and Commissioner Chavez

NOES:

ABSENT:

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Gano provided an update on the Public Safety Officer recruitment, and a report on an overview of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department contract policing services. Mr. Gano said Public Safety is implementing a community-based policing team. Mr. Gano stated they are looking to hire eight to ten more Public Safety Officers as well as upgrading Public Safety vehicles. Officers will focus on shopping centers and neighborhoods. A school safety team with a Mental Health Worker, a Probation Officer and a Deputy will be put together in order to identify misbehavior at an early stage and to work with and support the families of those individuals.

Mr. Yordt gave a summary of Public Safety activity for the months of December through February 2018. He said attached to the report there were commendation letters for staff, and information about the Cadet graduation, notable arrests, Coffee with a Cop, and Neighborhood Watch meetings. Mr. Yordt also presented the calendar for March 2018, highlighting the Neighborhood Watch Association meetings and the Junior Park Rangers graduation.

Chair Sandoval asked if in the future the Explorer Recognition Banquet can be added to the calendar.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Comments from the Commission

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.



Dora Sandoval
Chair, Public Safety Commission