



INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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CITIZEN POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Community Room, First Floor, City Hall

Minutes

Members Present

Chairperson Wayne Spencer
Chairperson Nannette Marchand
Commissioner Gerald Thompson
Commissioner David P. Stewart
Commissioner Ozell Butler
Commissioner Adrienne Sears
Commissioner Judy A. Bowles
Commissioner Curlee Ross
Commissioner Rita Hall
Commissioner Donald Nicholson

Members Absent

Commissioner Joy Brown-Price

Staff Present

Attorney Martin Mayer
Pam Egans - Recording Secretary
Kathy Ares - Administration Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wayne Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Rita Hall led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Ozell Butler led the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEM

1. Adoption of Commission's Policies and Procedures.

Chairperson Spencer opened the discussion and turned it over to Attorney Martin Mayer. Attorney Mayer read and discussed the draft Policies and Procedures.

The following changes to the draft Policies and Procedures were agreed upon by Commissioners:

1. Provide language that states a follow-up generic letter from the Commission would be generated and sent to the complainant stating that the complaint had been received.
2. Provide language that states how the Commission would deal with the public and media. Attorney Mayer stated that the Commission would not have contact with the media in relation to Internal Affairs. The media would be handled by the Police Department.
3. The Commission will provide the City Council with a progress report quarterly of their progress.
4. The Commission will receive any new Administrative Policies that are created by the Police Department.

It was stated that once a commissioner received a complaint it would be placed in a sealed envelope. This would lessen the commissioner's involvement and any type of indication of bias.

Attorney Mayer stated that after the additions/changes to policies and procedures are made, he would e-mail to Mr. Kirkley for forwarding to Commissioners for review. The revised policies and procedures would be brought back to the Commission for approval at the August meeting. At the same meeting, Attorney Mayer will provide training to the Commission members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING OTHER MATTERS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS

Chairperson Spencer stated that there were concerns from the Commissioners regarding the length of time used for remarks. In an effort to streamline meetings, Chairperson Spencer stated that there would now be a four-minute time limit for each Commission member's remarks.

Vice Chairperson Marchand inquired about the requirements for the Executive Director/Counsel to the Commission. She also requested a copy of the job description, if available.

Vice Chairperson Marchand requested that the agenda for the next commission meeting include discussion of requirements of executive director/counsel to the commission.

Commissioner Hall stated that she will be attending job-related training in August, and will not be in attendance at the August Commission meeting.

Commissioner Butler stated that he will be out of town and unable to attend the August Commission meeting.

Commissioner Bowles requested that the agenda for the next commission meeting include an item regarding assignment of Attorney Mayer as the Police Commission's legal representative.

Attorney Mayer suggested that the Commissioners review the Police Officer Bill of Rights prior to the August meeting.

Commissioner Sears inquired about the status of the N.A.C.O.L.E. Training.

Ms. Ares stated that she would follow-up and report back.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.