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CITIZEN POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
August 24, 2005
6:30 p.m.
Community Room, 1st Floor City Hall
Minutes

Members Present:

Chairperson Wayne Spencer
Vice Chairperson Nannette Marchand
Commissioner Gerald Thompson
Commissioner Rita Hall
Commissioner Judy A. Bowles
Commissioner Curlee Ross
Commissioner Adrienne Sears
Commissioner David P. Stewart
Commissioner Donald Nicholson
Commissioner Joy Brown-Price

Members Absent:

Commissioner Ozell Butler

Staff Present

Deputy City Administrator Lawrence Kirkley – Administration
Pam Egans - Recording Secretary
Kathy Ares - Staff
Pam Renowden - Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wayne Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hall led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Nicholson led the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

No members from the public were present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Spencer advised the Commission that the minutes of the August 10, 2005 meeting would be available at the September 14, 2005 meeting.

ACTION

1. Adoption of the Commission Policies and Procedures

Chairperson Spencer requested that the Policies and Procedures include that the Police Department make a quarterly presentation to the Commission on crime trends.

Vice Chairperson Marchand requested that the addition include the police department make a quarterly presentation not on just crime trends, but also include excessive use of force instances. She suggested that the first report include a year to date report listing specific types of complaints.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley clarified that the first report would be the third quarter, which would be done in October.

Chairperson Spencer asked if the Ordinance could be approved tonight.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley replied yes. Mr. Kirkley gave a verbal example of how the language would read prior to being placed within the Policies and Procedures.

Chairperson Spencer made a motion to approve the Policies and Procedures as amended.

Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION

2. Update on CPOC attendance at the annual National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (N.A.C.O.L.E.) conference in Miami, Florida, Sunday, October 23-26, 2005.

Chairperson Spencer opened the discussion on updated information regarding attendance at the N.A.C.O.L.E. Conference.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that he had spoken with the City Administrator, and given the current fiscal imbalance, the City was unable to send all eleven (11) Commissioners to the conference. However, the city would provide funding for two Commissioners.

Commissioner Hall asked if the city could pay for four persons to attend the conference. They could request rooms with double occupancy and the Commissioners could pay their registration fees.

Commissioner Brown-Price inquired if attending the N.A.C.O.L.E. conference would replace training that the commissioners are required to attend.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that some of the training would overlap with other training that is needed.

Commissioner Nicholson suggested that N.A.C.O.L.E. be brought to Inglewood so all the Commissioners could obtain training. He stated that it would be inexpensive opposed to sending all the Commissioners to the conference in Florida.

Commissioner Hall felt the benefit of attending the conference would be the interaction with other Commissioners, who have more experience, and can offer information that will benefit Inglewood's Commission.

Chairperson Spencer suggested that each Commissioner go to their respective Councilperson and request funding to attend the conference.

Commissioner Nicholson stated that if each Commissioner goes to their respective Councilperson and requests funds, it would cause divisiveness, and to ask for funds individually was not politically correct.

Commissioner Nicholson voiced his displeasure with the length of time it took the Commission to adopt the policies and procedures. He stated that 14 months was too long of a time period before the policies and procedures were adopted. He also voiced his displeasure with the leadership over the Commission.

Chairperson Spencer informed Commissioner Nicholson that he was out of order.

Various Commission members stated that Commissioner Nicholson's remarks were disruptive, and disrespectful.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley suggested that a subcommittee be formed within the Commission with two or three members. Those subcommittee members would request a meeting with the City Administrator to discuss the benefits of attending the N.A.C.O.L.E. Conference, and request financial support to attend.

Commissioner Thompson suggested that the subcommittee speak with both the City Administrator and City Council and obtain the financial support needed to attend the conference.

Commissioner Brown-Price made a motion to elect Chairperson Spencer, Vice Chairperson Marchand and Commissioner Hall to the subcommittee.

Commissioner Hall amended the motion and requested that Commissioner Sears be included on the subcommittee. Commissioner Sears accepted inclusion to the subcommittee.

Commissioner Nicholson seconded the motion.

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Commissioner Brown-Price made a motion for the committee members to meet with the City Administrator and City Council and negotiate for the funds to attend the N.A.C.O.L.E. Conference.

Commissioner Nicholson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley informed the Commission that staff would assist in setting up the meeting with the City Administrator.

3. Update on CPOC Website Creation

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley gave an update on the Citizen Police Oversight Commission Website. He stated that the agenda and minutes are currently on the website. The Policies and Procedures will also be placed on the site.

4. Roberts' Rules and Parliamentary Procedures

Chairperson Spencer opened the discussion on Roberts' Rules & Parliamentary Procedures and then turned it over to Vice Chairperson Marchand.

Vice Chairperson Marchand passed out handouts on the Parliamentary Procedures of conducting meetings, and requested that each Commissioner review the literature. She also suggested that each Commissioner rotate parliamentary duties each month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING OTHER MATTERS

Paul Russell, from the Inglewood News, stated that he was pleased that the Commission had adopted their Policies and Procedures. He also suggested that meeting notices should be posted on a bulletin board, as it would look more professional rather than taping notices to the glass door.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS

Vice Chairperson Marchand stated that she would like to receive the agenda and minutes prior to the meeting. Vice Chairperson Marchand requested the payment history for Attorney Mayer.

Deputy City Administrator Kirkley stated that the minutes are mailed and e-mailed 72 hours (3 days) prior to meetings. He also stated that Attorney Mayer has been paid in full for his services.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.