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**CITIZEN POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 8, 2006**  
**Community Room, First Floor, City Hall**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

**Chairperson Wayne Spencer**  
**Vice Chairperson Adrienne Sears**  
**Commissioner Ozell Butler**  
**Commissioner Rita Hall**  
**Commissioner Judy A. Bowles**  
**Commissioner Donald Nicholson**  
**Commissioner Gerald Thompson**  
**Commissioner Curlee Ross**

**Members Absent:**

**Commissioner Nannette Marchand**  
**Commissioner David P. Stewart**  
**Commissioner Joy Brown-Price**

**Staff Present**

**Joseph T. Rouzan, Jr., City Administrator**  
**Pamela Renowden, Staff**  
**Kathy Ares, 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 Curlee Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Ozell Butler gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chairperson Spencer asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2006, meeting.

Commissioner Ross requested that the minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting be approved. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion.

Staff expressed concerns regarding Commissioner Ross' motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting, since he was absent from the meeting. Due to staff concerns, a second call to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting was requested.

Commissioner Hall called for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **DISCUSSION**

Chairperson Spencer introduced City Administrator Joseph T. Rouzan, Jr. and called upon Mr. Rouzan to provide the Commission with a brief background of his experience.

Mr. Rouzan gave a brief background of his experience and provided the Commissioners with a copy of Ordinance No. 04-16, which describes the duties and powers of the Citizen Police Oversight Commission (C.P.O.C.). Mr. Rouzan informed the Commission that he was instrumental in the preparation of the C.P.O.C. Ordinance in 2003. He also informed the Commission that the initial Ordinance was modeled after the City of Long Beach Citizen Police Complaint Commission. Mr. Rouzan advised the Commission that the existing Ordinance for the City of Inglewood has been revised significantly.

Mr. Rouzan commented on his awareness of the Commission's frustration in regards to the slow movement of the Commission. Mr. Rouzan insured the Commission that after the meeting they would know and understand their mission. Mr. Rouzan requested that each Commissioner voice their concerns so he could better understand the needs of the Commission.

The Commission raised the following concerns and questions:

- Many members of the public are unaware of the C.P.O.C. existence, including the Inglewood Police Department
- Does the City of Inglewood C.P.O.C have a budget?
- When will the Commission begin reviewing citizen complaints?
- When will the Commission move forward in its role?
- Could there be special training meetings outside of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings?

Mr. Rouzan responded to the Commission's concerns and questions:

Mr. Rouzan also informed the commission that the C.P.O.C. would be placed on the City's webpage. He also informed the Commission that the Inglewood Police Department is aware of the Commission's existence.

He advised the Commission that if a budget was to be created, it must be justified.

He also advised the Commission that a directive would be sent Thursday, February 9, 2006 to the Chief of Police stating that copies of all allegations of misconduct by police officers filed by members of the public be forwarded to his office and marked confidential, attention Kathy Ares.

Mr. Rouzan informed the Commission that once complaints are received in his office, complaints would be delivered to their residence via courier 1 week prior to their scheduled meeting. **The complaints would be discussed only in closed session and at any time there is not a quorum, the meeting would adjourn. He emphasized the importance of total confidentiality and that the information could not be shared with anyone.**

Mr. Rouzan advised the Commission that in order to move forward, the first step would be to run the C.P.O.C. meeting as an open meeting and accept complaints from the public at said meetings. He also advised the Commission that at the next meeting he would provide copies of the police department complaint forms, so the Commission could develop its own.

Mr. Rouzan stated that special training meetings could be conducted outside of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Video tapes that demonstrate the difference between force and excessive force would be provided as part of the training.

Chairperson Spencer requested that City identification badges be issued to C.P.O.C. Commissioners. Mr. Rouzan felt that at this time business cards would be sufficient.

Vice Chairperson Sears suggested Community Outreach for the Commission.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING OTHER MATTERS**

There were no public comments.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS**

Commissioner Butler commented that it was nice meeting Mr. Rouzan and he now feels better about the Commission.

Commissioner Hall commented that she looks forward to working with Mr. Rouzan and thanked him for his assistance.

Commissioner Thompson welcomed Mr. Rouzan back home.

Commissioner Bowles thanked Mr. Rouzan.

Commissioner Ross commented on his experiences during a recent ride-along with the Inglewood Police Department.

Vice Chairperson Sears thanked Mr. Rouzan for the morale boost and appreciates the wealth of experience he brings to the Commission.

Chairperson Spencer commented that he was happy to have Mr. Rouzan back.

Staff distributed Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 to the Commission. The Commission was advised of the deadline date of April 1, 2006 and of the penalties that would be imposed if not received by the deadline.

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:58 p.m. by Chairperson Spencer.