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Citizen Police Oversight Commission (CPOC)
Meeting
April 14, 2010
City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall
Minutes

Members Present:
Chairperson Adrianne Sears
Vice Chairperson Alan Kaplan
Commissioner David P. Stewart
Commissioner Joy Brown-Price
Commissioner Kofi N. Nartey
Commissioner Wayne Spencer
Commissioner Judy Bowles

Members Absent:
Commissioner Donald Nicholson
Commissioner Gilbert Mathieu
Commissioner Rita Hall

Staff Present:
Mr. Michael D. Falkow, Deputy City Administrator/CIO

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sears at 6:43 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Spencer.

INVOCATION
The invocation was given by Commissioner Nartey.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
It was moved by Commissioner Spencer and seconded by Commissioner Stewart that the minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS
Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, submitted his resignation effective April 23, 2010. He also advised the CPOC that Mary Beth Allen, Human Resources Director, submitted her resignation effective April 23, 2010.

Mr. Falkow informed the CPOC that the Medal of Valor Luncheon is scheduled for May 2010. Mr. Falkow requested that Commissioners interested in attending the luncheon to contact him.

Mr. Falkow reported that the Budget Presentation was delivered to the public on April 1, 2010 by Mr. Jeff Muir. Mr. Falkow stated that there is a $13.4 million structural deficit.

Mr. Falkow distributed the State of the City Address speech and copies of the CPOC Roster to the CPOC.

Mr. Falkow reported to the CPOC that he had spoken with Councilwoman Dunlap regarding her appointment to the Blue Ribbon Committee. Mr. Falkow was advised by Councilwoman Dunlap that she will be coordinating interviews and will have an appointment to the Blue Ribbon Committee in the near future.

Commissioner Brown-Price arrived at 7:13 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEM
Commission Outreach

Chairperson Sears discussed Commission Outreach. Chairperson stated that she met with Chief Seabrooks in January regarding how the CPOC could better communicate with the police department and build a more trusting relationship.

The following topics were discussed with the Chief of Police:

- Ride Alongs
- Police Briefings
- Command Staff Meetings
- Quarterly Meetings with the Chief of Police
- CPOC Booth at the National Night Out Event
- Special Community Police Academy for the CPOC
- In House Training for the CPOC

Chairperson Sears encouraged the Commissioners to schedule a ride along. Chairperson Sears stated that she will coordinate with Chief Seabrooks the following:

1. Dates and times that Commissioners could attend police briefings.
2. A list of dates of Command Staff Meetings.
3. Quarterly Meetings with Chief Seabrooks and CPOC.

Mr. Falkow will ask Chief Seabrooks if a condensed Community Police Academy could be conducted for the CPOC.

Chairperson Sears suggested that the CPOC Booth for the National Night Out event be placed on hold at this time since the structure of the CPOC will be changed. Chairperson Sears requested assistance from Mr. Falkow regarding obtaining a list of dates from Chief Seabrooks for in-house training for the CPOC.

Mr. Falkow suggested that he send a request to Chief Seabrooks requesting a training schedule. Once received staff will send the training schedule to the Commissioners so that they can contact Chief Seabrooks to schedule training.

The Commission discussed having CPOC meetings in the community. Chairperson Sears stated that the "Commission Outreach" item will be continued to the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Proposed Amendments to the Citizen Police Oversight Commission Administrative Manual

It was moved by Commissioner Nartey and seconded by Commissioner Brown-Price that an unexcused absence would be recorded if there is a lack of communication or an absence of communication to the City's administrative arm prior to the meeting.

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nartey and seconded by Commissioner Brown-Price that if a Commissioner has six (6) absences whether excused, unexcused, or a combination of the two in a twelve (12) month period the Commissioner is subject to dismissal.

Commissioner Nartey amended his motion to state that removal of Commissioners shall be subject to the Terms of Office.

The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The Citizen Police Oversight Commission recessed for closed session at 7:46 p.m., and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

Mr. Falkow reported that Closed Session was held and directions were given to staff.

STAFF REMARKS

There were no staff remarks.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS

Commissioner Bowles stated that the CPOC meeting was very informative.

Commissioner Brown-Price stated that the CPOC meeting was productive.

Vice Chairperson Kaplan wished everyone a good night.

Chairperson Sears thanked the Commissioners for their continued participation. She stated that the meeting was great and thanked Mr. Falkow for filling in for Mrs. Ares.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.