

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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Members Present:

Chairperson Adrianne Sears
Commissioner David P. Stewart
Commissioner Joy Brown-Price
Commissioner Kofi N. Nartey
Commissioner Wayne Spencer
Commissioner Judy Bowles
Commissioner Gilbert Mathieu
Commissioner Rita Hall

Members Absent:

Vice Chairperson Alan Kaplan (excused) Commissioner Donald Nicholson (excused)

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael D. Falkow, Deputy City Administrator/CIO Kathy Ares, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sears at 6:37 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mathieu.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Mathieu and seconded by Commissioner Hall that the minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that the City Council has been meeting frequently addressing the city's budget issues. He also advised the CPOC that there will be an item on tomorrow's special city council meeting to discuss the potential of initiating the process for a two-year retirement incentive to help lessen the impact to the budget.

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ACTION ITEM

Request that the City hire a Case Reviewer.

- 1) Discuss
- 2) Direct staff to obtain approval from the Acting City Administrator to hire a part-time Case Reviewer.

Chairperson Sears advised the CPOC that last week she and Mr. Falkow met with Lieutenant DiBernardo in reference to the Chief's new process for reviewing citizen police complaints. Chairperson Sears stated that the packets to be reviewed by the CPOC would be logistically impossible for the CPOC to thoroughly review even if the CPOC held meetings twice a month.

Chairperson Sears recommended that the CPOC hire a case reviewer. She stated that the person would review the cases for the CPOC.

Chairperson Sears stated that a representative from Internal Affairs will be attending closed session to explain to the CPOC the Citizen Police Complaint Packet. She stated that in September she believes that the Chief of Police will be in attendance at Closed Session to answer any questions that the CPOC may have with regard to the complaint packet.

Chairperson Sears recommended that the CPOC listen to the representative from Internal Affairs and write down any questions they may have for the Chief of Police.

Commissioner Hall asked what would be the qualifications and experience of the case reviewer.

Chairperson Sears stated that the CPOC would discuss as a body. She further stated that the person would need to have law enforcement experience, an investigation background, a retired captain or lieutenant, and someone that is far removed from the Inglewood Police Department to ensure that there is real independence.

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC of the administrative process. He stated that the CPOC would discuss the matter now, and if the CPOC arrives to a consensus, staff will find out if the CPOC can or cannot hire a case reviewer. If yes, the CPOC would design the criteria for the case reviewer.

It was moved by Commissioner Mathieu and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the request to obtain approval from the Acting City Administrator to hire a part-time Case Reviewer.

Commissioner Brown-Price arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Chairperson Sears gave a recap of the discussion for the benefit of Commissioner Brown-Price.

The motion carried.

Commissioner Spencer arrived at 6:48 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

The Citizen Police Oversight Commission recessed for closed session at 6:48 p.m., and reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

Mr. Falkow reported that Closed Session was held. No final action was given to staff

STAFF REMARKS

Mr. Falkow stated that there is approximately six and a half weeks until the end of the 2009/2010 fiscal year. He further stated that the city's budgetary deficit has increased as revenue is lower than projected and expenditures are higher than projected. Council has met on numerous occasions, and he suspects that direction will be given relatively soon.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS

Commissioner Nartey thanked representatives from Internal Affairs for sharing valuable information with the CPOC.

Commissioner Spencer commented that he appreciates the representatives from Internal Affairs for attending the CPOC meeting.

Commissioner Stewart commented that a lot of gratitude is owed to the Chief of Police. He further commented that since she has been with the city changes have occurred, and it has been great for the city.

Commissioner Hall suggested a letter be sent to the Chief of Police regarding the two representatives that were in attendance at the meeting. She commented that the Chief of Police has accomplished her goal with regard to transparency.

Commissioner Bowles stated that she echoes Commissioner Hall's remarks and thanks the Chief of Police and the CPOC. She wished everyone a good night.

Commissioner Mathieu commented on the Office of Independent Review and the Department of Justice Reports.

Commissioner Brown-Price commented that she appreciates the Chief of Police's cooperation and willingness to move things forward. She further commented that she appreciates the representatives in attendance and the good information that was provided.

Chairperson Sears commented that a letter will be sent to the Chief of Police and Lieutenant DiBernardo on behalf of the CPOC thanking them for the two officers that were in attendance. Chairperson Sears directed staff to draft a letter requesting approval to hire a case reviewer.

Chairperson Sears commented that the Chief of Police is working hard to give the CPOC information that was requested. She further commented that this is because of the CPOC continued request for information that the CPOC is now receiving information.

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Chairperson Sears stated that she has spoken with Nicole Bershon, Inspector General of the Office of the Inspector General for LAPD, and that she would be happy to provide guidance to the CPOC.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.