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**Citizen Police Oversight Commission (CPOC)  
Special Meeting  
September 21, 2011  
City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall  
Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Chairperson Pro Tem Alex Padilla  
Commissioner Alicia Smith  
Commissioner Wayne Spencer  
Commissioner Sergio Hernandez  
Commissioner Maria Smietan  
Commissioner Linda Soto  
Commissioner Rita Hall

**Members Absent:**

Commissioner Woody Hollier (excused)  
Commissioner Paul Smith (unexcused)  
Commissioner Kofi Nartey (excused)  
Commissioner Adrienne Sears (excused)

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Michael D. Falkow, Assistant City Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pro Tem Padilla at 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Smietan.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Commissioner Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Alicia Smith that the minutes of the August 10, 2011 and August 17, 2011, meetings be approved. The motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS**

***Presentations and Elections of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson***

Election ballots were distributed. Staff opened the nominations for the office of Chairperson.

Commissioner Wayne Spencer nominated Chairperson Pro Tem Alex Padilla for Chairperson. Chairperson Pro Tem Padilla accepted the nomination.

Being no other nominations for the office of Chairperson, staff closed the floor for nominations.

Chairperson Pro Tem Padilla gave a brief presentation of his background and experience.

Staff opened the nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson Pro Tem Padilla nominated Commissioner Alicia Smith for Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Alicia Smith accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Alicia Smith nominated Commissioner Rita Hall for Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Rita Hall accepted the nomination.

Being no other nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson, staff closed the floor for nominations.

Commissioners Alicia Smith and Rita Hall gave brief presentations of their respective backgrounds and experiences.

The Citizen Police Oversight Commission Meeting recessed at 7:06 p.m. and reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

Staff announced the following results of the election:

Chairperson: Chairperson Pro Tem Alex Padilla  
Vice Chairperson: Commissioner Alicia Smith

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

#### ***Discussion of Identification Cards for Citizen Police Oversight Commissioners***

Mr. Falkow stated that the City of Inglewood produces identification cards. The identification cards have the photograph, name, and the City's logo. Mr. Falkow further stated that the Citizen Police Oversight Commissioners identification card will have the commissioners' name and the name of the Citizen Police Oversight Commission. The CPOC's identification card would not provide access to any facility. It would not be a government identification card.

Chairperson Padilla stated that the CPOC is not looking for access to facilities but wanted a photo identification card with a City seal that readily identifies individuals as citizen police oversight commissioners.

Vice Chairperson Smith suggested that a stipulation form be signed by the commissioners prior to receiving identification cards.

Chairperson Padilla requested that staff move forward with the identification cards.

### **COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS**

Mr. Falkow welcomed the two new members of the CPOC. Mr. Falkow stated that last week and the week before he was at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He further stated that it was his first in-residence session.

Mr. Falkow stated that the program leads to a Master's Degree in Homeland Security. The Center for Homeland Defense and Security is fully funded by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense and that the City incurs no cost. He stated that out of three thousand applicants only thirty applicants are selected.

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that the in-residence requirements are that every three months students are to remain at the school for two weeks. He stated that the time at the school may conflict with the CPOC meetings. Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that staff will try to get someone from the police department to assist in his absence. He stated that there are two times between now and March 2013 that there will be a conflict.

Mr. Falkow announced that the FY 2011/2012 Budget will go before the City Council on Tuesday. On Monday at 7:00 p.m., there are budget workshops with the City Council and that all fourteen departments will make presentations. The public is welcome to attend.

Mr. Falkow stated that back in FY 2010/2011, the City began the year with a \$17.6 million structural deficit. Because of the employees taking a 10% pay cut, it resulted in savings of \$4.5 million in the general fund, however, those are slated to end at the end of 2012. Mr. Falkow stated that given the financial situation not improving, it is likely the City would probable try to continue those for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Falkow stated that negotiations between the Church and Madison Square Gardens hopefully will come to fruition because it could be a good thing for the City. The same holds true for the development of Hollywood Park.

Mr. Falkow stated that he is more than happy to give the commissioners City email addresses. It would be required that the commissioners use it for City use only. The City's email is open to public disclosure or subpoena.

#### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT**

Mr. Falkow stated that he will place on the next CPOC agenda an action item regarding closed session files.

#### **STAFF REMARKS**

Mr. Falkow stated that he received a call from Commissioner Sears. She is ill and was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS**

Commissioner Hall commented that she is pleased to meet the two new commissioners and looks forward to working with them. She further commented that she looks forward to a positive and progressive year.

Commissioner Spencer congratulated Chairperson Padilla and Vice Chairperson Alicia Smith on their new leadership positions on the CPOC. He stated that he loves the positive energy from the body. He congratulated Mr. Falkow.

Vice Chairperson Alicia Smith stated that there is a lot of positive energy and that she looks forwards to working with each one. She congratulated Mr. Falkow.

Commissioner Hernandez congratulated Chairperson Padilla and Vice Chairperson Alicia Smith. He welcomed the new commissioners. He further stated that he looks forward to future meetings so that the CPOC can get into some cases.

Commissioner Smietan stated that she is lost right now. She is ready to learn from the old commissioners. She stated that the CPOC has a lot of work and she will be asking questions.

Commissioner Soto thanked the commissioners for their welcome. She commented that she is a little lost but she will understand as they go along. She further commented that she is a quick learner and looks forward to working with the CPOC.

Chairperson Padilla stated that he sensed the uncertainty among the CPOC and requested that an item be placed on the next CPOC agenda to discuss roles and responsibilities of the CPOC. He also commented that the CPOC start reviewing cases from October 2011. He requested that the CPOC website be upgraded and updated. He further commented that if the CPOC members have a subject matter expert who may be beneficial to the CPOC to let Mr. Falkow know so it can be placed on the agenda.

Chairperson Padilla thanked the commissioners for their support in selecting him as Chair. He stated that he looks forward to serving the commissioners and the community.

Chairperson Padilla stated that the two months Mr. Falkow will not be present at the CPOC meeting he is not opposed to shifting the meetings. He requested that those meetings be rescheduled.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.