

# **RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Employment & Training Building**  
**330 – 25<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Conference Room 1**

## **MINUTES**

### **I CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Cora Ward

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Nemy Bautista  
Scott Gillespie  
Dolores Hembree  
Roberto Reyes  
Bea Roberson  
Glenn Stephenson  
Cora J. Ward  
Naomi Williams

**Absent:** None

**Vacancies:** One

#### **Administrative**

**Staff Present:** Don Casimere, Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer  
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I

**Council Liaison:** Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison – Absent

**City Attorney's**

**Office Representative:** Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Present

### **II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 4, 2009**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Williams** and second by **Commissioner Roberson** the minutes for the regular meeting of November 4, 2009, were approved as written. All were in favor.

### **III COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN**

Not present.

#### **IV COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)**

**Chief Magnus** reported that overall crime in Richmond was down 11% last year; however, homicides did go up. He distributed a handout showing homicide statistics for 2009. There were 47 homicides in Richmond last year. The homicide clearance rate is approximately 60%, which is close to the national average overall.

**Commissioner Reyes** asked what caused the improvement in the investigation process and the DA rate. **Chief Magnus** said that with the geographic model of policing and programs such as school resource officers and others, there are now more people in the community who know a police officer that they feel comfortable talking to and giving information to.

**Commissioner Reyes** asked, after reviewing the homicide stats, if 9mm guns were that common out in the community. The Chief said they are very common along with semi-automatic and automatic weapons. They are working closely with the Department of Justice who has assigned a gun team to Richmond. They will make it a priority to ensure that every gun confiscated will be traced.

The Chief also reported on personnel hiring in 2009. They have 50 new employees including 28 officers, 12 dispatchers, 7 civilians and 3 cadets. Sixteen of the new employees are bilingual.

**Chief Magnus** invited the commissioners to a reception related to the kick-off of the Family Justice Center that will support victims of domestic and sexual violence. RPD is collaborating with STAND, Community Violence Solutions and the DA's office, as well as the county. The event will be held on Wednesday, 1/13/10, at 5:00 p.m. at Mountain Hardware.

The Chief said citizens can now call 911 from their cell phones and it will go directly to RPD's dispatch center. They no longer have to call the 10 digit number. He said ShotSpotter and CCTV are also paying off immensely. The biggest benefit is saving lives. They are now able to locate people who have been shot more quickly than they had in the past without ShotSpotter.

**Commissioner Williams** asked if the CCTV camera committee will be brought back together for an update. **Chief Magnus** said that could be done so that they could evaluate how the system has been working.

The Chief handed out 12 policies for the commissioners to review:

- 300 – Use of Force
- 302 – Use of Force/Major Incident Review
- 304 – Use of Firearm Policy
- 306 – Leg Restraint Device
- 308 – Control Devices and Techniques
- 313 – Crime Gun Tracing
- 314 – Response/Vehicle Pursuit Policy

- 318 – Canine Program
- 337 – Rewards Program
- 378 – Closed Circuit Television/Public Camera System (CCTV)
- 402 – Racial/Bias Based Profiling
- 428 – Immigration Status

He would like to get responses back in 35 to 40 days. The policies have all been reviewed by their legal advisor on this project, Kim Colwell, from the Myers Nave legal firm.

**Commissioner Williams** asked if the Guardian Angels will be starting a Richmond chapter soon. The Chief said he hasn't heard anything from the Guardian Angels. She also asked for an update on juvenile curfew. **Chief Magnus** said the council has requested to have a study session regarding the curfew.

**Commissioner Stephenson** asked if RPD Dispatch had the capability of entering and retaining information relating to a specific citizen when a 911 call comes in for that person, such as medical information. **Chief Magnus** said the city contracts with AMR for medical response and they are dispatched separately. He said there are legal guidelines they have to follow as to what type of information they can retain.

**Commissioner Reyes** asked about the prostitution problem on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. **Chief Magnus** said that they are using enforcement as well as outreach programs to handle the prostitution problem.

**V REPORTS BY:**

- **RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**

No representative present

- **LATINO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**

No representative present

- **GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE**

No representative present

**VI PUBLIC FORUM**

No public speakers

**VII DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**Chair Ward** thanked everyone for supporting her in the past year.

**Commissioner Reyes** nominated **Commissioner Bautista** for chair. **Commissioner Bautista** declined the nomination.

**Commissioner Bautista** nominated **Commissioner Ward** for chair. **Commissioner Ward** accepted the nomination.

**Commissioner Hembree** nominated **Commissioner Stephenson** for chair. **Commissioner Stephenson** accepted the nomination.

**Commissioner Reyes** made a motion to close nominations. It was seconded by **Commissioner Bautista**. All were in favor.

The commissioners voted by written ballot. The votes were tallied. It was tied with 4 votes each. The commissioners voted a second time. The votes were tallied with same outcome, 4 votes each. The commissioners voted a third time. **Commissioner Ward** was re-elected as chair with a 5 to 3 vote.

**Commissioner Bautista** requested that his name not be included for nomination of vice chair.

**Commissioner Gillespie** nominated **Commissioner Hembree** for vice chair. **Commissioner Hembree** accepted the nomination.

**Commissioner Williams** made a motion to close the nominations for vice chair with a second by **Commissioner Stephenson**. **Commissioner Hembree** was unanimously elected vice chair.

## **VIII REPORTS BY:**

### **Chair Ward**

- Reported that a request will be made for Joyce Hicks from the San Francisco Office of Citizens Complaints to come and speak about their mediation process at the next Police Commission meeting.

### **Commissioner Stephenson**

- Reported that he attended the NACOLE Conference in Austin, TX. He attended a workshop on citizens with mental illness. He said the Commission will have to work closely with the Police Department in order to ensure the procedures are up to national standards on dealing with the mentally ill in Richmond. He also attended a seminar on mutual respect between youth and police. He said that youth and police seem to be natural enemies. A lot of the youth are disadvantaged, they come from low income families, they don't respect themselves or others, etc. They need to work with the police department on this issue also.

**Commissioner Nemy Bautista**

- He also attended the NACOLE Conference. The conference was divided into 20 different sessions; 11 of which were designated as training sessions. He and the other commissioners attended at least 12 sessions each. He distributed copies of materials from the various sessions he attended. The speakers were outstanding and every model of oversight had real life examples of success and limitations. He mentioned that Richmond Police Commission has adopted the NACOLE Code of Ethics. He encouraged the other commissioners to attend the 2010 annual conference which will be in Seattle, WA.

**Commissioner Hembree**

- 11/07/09 – Attended Parents of Murdered Children fund raising dinner
- 11/16/09 – Attended Police Officer Swearing-In Ceremony
- 11/22/09 – Attended Moose Youth Awareness Program
- 11/29/09 – Attended fund raising dinner for handicapped children
- 12/05/09 – Attended RPOA Christmas Party
- 12/19/09 – Observed DUI Checkpoint in San Pablo

**Commissioner Stephenson**

- Observed DUI Checkpoint in San Pablo
- Went on two ride-alongs
- Attended Police Officer Swearing-In Ceremony
- Attended Neighborhood Council meeting

**Commissioner Roberson**

- Attended RPOA Christmas party
- Attended Santa Fe Hug a Bear dinner
- Attended a holiday mixer at Mechanics Bank
- Attended the Citizens' Advisory Panel on Emergency Readiness (CAPER) meeting
- Assisted with Richmond/EC Fire & Police holiday program
- Attended Crime Prevention meeting & holiday dinner
- Attended RNCC meeting
- Attended RNCC board meeting

**Commissioner Williams**

- Attended West County Alcohol Policy Working Group meeting
- Attended City Council meeting
- Assisted with Richmond/EC Fire & Police holiday program

**Commissioner Bautista**

- Attended Police Officer Swearing-In ceremony
- 4 hour Ride-along w/Off. Rivera

**CIAO Casimere**

- Congratulated **Commissioners Ward** and **Hembree** for being elected chair and vice chair
- Congratulated **Commissioners Roberson** and **Stephenson** on their reappointments to the commission.
- He reported that he has attended all 15 of the NACOLE conferences and also helped organize several of them. This one was a very good conference. He encouraged the commissioners to attend the conference in Seattle.
- He submitted the daily activity log.

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Reyes** and second by **Commissioner Stephenson**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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**Don Casimere**  
**Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer**