

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Employment & Training Building
330 – 25th 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
Felix Hunziker
Roberto Reyes
Bea Roberson
Glenn Stephenson
Cora J. Ward
Naomi Williams

Absent: None

Vacancies: None

Administrative

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

Council Liaison: Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison – Present

City Attorney's

Office Representative: Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Present

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 1, 2010

Upon motion by **Commissioner Williams** and second by **Commissioner Roberson**, the minutes for the regular meeting of September 1, 2010, were approved as written.

III COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN

Councilmember Ritterman thanked the commissioners for volunteering their time to make the city a better place. He commented on the upcoming election. He said the thing that threatens public safety more than anything else continues to be the lack of good job opportunities. He shared a few ideas on bringing jobs to the city such as Cybertran, making the Marina Way South area a green campus for innovation and technology and convincing Chevron to keep one of their alternative energy companies, ETC, in Richmond instead of moving it to San Ramon. He said they also need to invest in education. He reported that he will be retiring from Kaiser and will be putting more time into the city. **Commissioner Reyes** thanked him for his leadership and for what he did with checkpoints. **Mr. Ritterman** said he will be helping with the Heart Safe campaign in Richmond and hopefully working with the fire department to get automatic defibrillators in several buildings in Richmond.

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

Chief Magnus stated that there is a distinction between the RPOA and the police department overall. He wanted to remind people that the views that were expressed by the RPOA through press conferences and flyers, etc., do not represent the entire department. He handed out a copy of the police department's most recent newsletter. He said there are many good things happening in the city that contribute to positive results in reducing violent crime. The Chief said he attended a meeting in Washington DC sponsored by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). They discussed how to address crime in tough economic times; Richmond is on the right course in reducing crime. He gave an update on Deputy District Attorney Kabu Adodoadji's work on gun crime. As of today, he has handled 38 gun cases; 27 of those have been filed for prosecution. There are an additional 19 cases that are open and being prosecuted. Three people have pled guilty or have been found guilty on state charges and have been sentenced to state prison terms. **Chief Magnus** said he will be making some promotions soon, including Deputy Chief, which will be filled by a captain's position. The Chief gave a report on the Central District Community meeting. More outreach is needed so that more people will attend these meetings. He thanked the commissioners who did attend.

Commissioner Roberson asked if they had an opening for a K-9 officer. **Chief Magnus** said they have a new police dog that will be starting soon. The officer will have to go through an interview and selection process. **Commissioner Roberson** said the commission will have some ideas on how to help with outreach. **Chief Magnus** said he is looking forward to working with the commission on outreach.

Commissioner Bautista asked for an update on the daytime curfew. **Chief Magnus** said it got off to a rough start but is underway. The goal is to pick up a number of kids that they can effectively work with each day.

Commissioner Stephenson asked who the recruiting officers are. The Chief said they are Lt. Simon, Sgt. Mike Wang, Off. Lance Griffin and Off. Sanchez. Their major focus in the last several months has been to recruit more women into the department.

Commissioner Williams said that the Police Commission has always been invited to sit in on the oral boards and it's been a few years since they've been asked to participate. She also said that the police officers are doing an excellent job.

Commissioner Bautista asked what safeguards there are for the medical marijuana dispensaries. **Chief Magnus** referred him to the last article in the newsletter that he handed out. Applications will be reviewed and rated. They will select the best applicants in terms of location, security plan, criminal history, etc. The Public Safety Committee will have the final decision.

CIAO Casimere thanked the chief for sending Lt. Sappal to the NACOLE Conference. He said he contributed to discussions in workshops and networking.

Commissioner Hembree asked about the DA's office and why they are not filing anything against some of the prostitutes. The chief said most of those cases are being handled through **Trish Aljoe** in the City Attorney's office. They have been doing a lot of enforcement on 23rd Street and San Pablo Avenue.

V PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public speakers.

Chair Ward thanked the members of the audience who came to the meeting.

VI REPORTS BY:

- **RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**

No representative present.

- **LATINO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**

No representative present.

- **GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE**

No representative present.

VII DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REVISED COMMISSION TERMS ORDINANCE

CIAO Casimere said that each commissioner received a copy of a memo from the City Clerk along with a copy of a draft ordinance that would create uniform terms and absences for all city boards and commissions. He asked everyone to review it and be ready for discussion and action at the next Police Commission meeting.

VIII REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNED TO PROMOTE POSITIVE POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE POLICE COMMISSION (Commissioner Hunziker)

Commissioner Hunziker asked the commissioners to sign up for the committees that they were interested in with no more than four commissioners assigned to each project. He said they need to select a chair for each committee, develop a plan to achieve the project goal, identify milestones along the way, and provide an estimated schedule for completion of the project. The commissioners signed up for the committees they were interested in and will present their plan of action at the Police Commission meeting in November.

IX COMMENTS REGARDING NACOLE CONFERENCE

Commissioner Stephenson said it was a good conference. He attended a workshop dealing with officers and the mentally ill. He recommends that the Commission contact Off. David Wee in Berkeley, who is part of the Mobile Crisis Unit, to demonstrate how it is set up. He also viewed the “shoot-don’t shoot” scenario and spent some time talking with the instructors. He said Richmond would benefit from something like this.

Commissioner Roberson said she enjoyed the conference. She would like to see this Commission get into mediation so that it can be a more useful tool to the Police Department and the citizens.

Commissioner Reyes agreed with Commissioner Stephenson on getting Off. Wee to talk about how they handle mental health issues. He attended a workshop on protest demonstrations which was interesting. He met the Deputy Chief of Seattle PD. He also enjoyed the main speaker from Arizona, Isabelle Garcia.

Commissioner Hembree said the conference was interesting. She was disappointed in the workshop regarding Seattle juvenile crime. She enjoyed the session about how officers handle people with mental problems.

Commissioner Ward was interested in the mediation workshop. She also attended a workshop on tasers and Don Casimere’s session regarding Models of Oversight. She enjoyed networking with people from all the other oversight agencies.

CIAO Casimere said there were several interesting sessions to attend. He said the conference gives people an opportunity to network and grow. The next conference will be in New Orleans. He said the discussion that he facilitated on police review boards was intriguing.

X REPORTS BY:

Commissioner Stephenson

- Attended NACOLE Conference
- Attended Central District Meeting

Commissioner Roberson

- Attended several City Council Meetings
- Attended Police/Fire thank you dinner
- Attended CERT countywide drill
- Attended CCPOA Conference
- Attended NACOLE Conference
- Attended Safety Fair at Hilltop
- Attended Candidates' Night and Mayoral Debate
- Attended Central District Meeting
- Attended Home Front Festival
- Attended USO Dance

Commissioner Bautista

- Attended the El Sobrante Stroll
- Attended AB1234 Training
- Attended May Valley Community Meeting
- Attended West County Emergency Preparedness Fair
- 4-hr Ride-along with Off. J. Pineda

Commissioner Williams

- Attended Home Front Festival
- Attended several City Council Meetings
- Attended GRIP Meeting
- Attended Pullman NC Meeting
- Attended CCPOA Conference
- Attended Main Street Ball
- Attended Meeting with SP City Manager and Mayor for GRIP
- Attended Candidates' Night for Mayor and City Council
- Attended Dinner at Salesian High School
- Attended Central District Meeting

Commissioner Hunziker

- Attended Central District Meeting

Commissioner Reyes

- Attended NACOLE Conference
- Attended 3 Candidates' Forums
- Attended City Council Meeting

Commissioner Gillespie

- Applied for reappointment to the Police Commission

Commissioner Hembree

- Attended the NACOLE Conference
- Attended Central District Meeting

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CIAO Casimere

- Working on getting Complaint Forms in Spanish

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

Don Casimere
Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer