

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, April 7, 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 – Absent

City Attorney's

Office Representative: Carlos Privat, Assistant City Attorney – Present

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 3, 2010

Upon motion by **Commissioner Bautista** and second by **Commissioner Stephenson**, the minutes for the regular meeting of March 3, 2010, 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)

- **Briefing on Curfew Ordinance**

Deputy Chief Medina distributed two sets of questions and answers regarding the proposed daytime curfew ordinance. He said the curfew was unanimously passed by the council last evening. Most cities in the county already have this curfew in place. Students picked up by the officers under this curfew will be escorted to either the RYSE Center or the PAL Center where they will be involved in extracurricular activities instead of being out on the streets.

Commissioner Bautista asked if some parents had an opposition to the curfew. **D/C Medina** said there probably are some parents that oppose it but the current truancy program is ineffective because it returns the student to the school or the parents with little or no consequences. It is for the safety of the City as well as the safety of the students.

Commissioner Reyes said that few people spoke against the curfew at the council meeting. He said he feels that it will put young people in a criminal position. He said when young kids start getting tasered or hurt, they need to rethink it. **D/C Medina** said that it is not criminal; it is meant to be more administrative and to help get them off the street and into something more productive.

Commissioner Hunziker asked about kids that are in private school or being home schooled that have different hours than those in public schools. **D/C Medina** said the officers will use their best judgment in making their determination.

Commissioner Williams stated that parents should be called if the kids are found out of school because they may have permission to be out of school.

Commissioner Roberson said that a community group will be appointed to review the process at different intervals.

Commissioner Hembree said she is glad the curfew is going to be a reality. Before the next school year starts, parents should be notified about the ordinance through KCRT and the news media, including private schools and those that are home schooled. She also said that if this becomes a success she would like to see a night time curfew put into place. **D/C Medina** said this curfew will cause a strain to the resources that they have, but they will give it their best effort; it's a project in the works.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if truancy was a crime. **D/C Medina** said it is in the educational code. It's meant to be dealt with through the administrative system of the school district.

D/C Medina concluded his report with a handout that was shared at last night's council meeting regarding problem liquor stores.

V REPORTS BY:

- **Richmond Police Officers' Association**

Off. Felix Tan, Treasurer for the RPOA, said he had no report but could answer any questions the commissioners might have. **Commissioner Reyes** asked who the other board members were. **Off. Tan** said they are **Andre Hill**-President, **Hector Esparza**-Vice President, and **Joey Schlemmer**-Secretary.

- **Latino Police Officers' Association**

No representative present

- **Guardians of Justice**

No representative present. **Commissioner Roberson** said she spoke with the Guardians new president and he said they will start sending a representative to the meetings.

VI DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LETTER TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY REGARDING GUN CRIMES (Commissioner Hunziker)

Commissioner Hunziker drafted a letter to request a list of all completed West County criminal cases that initially included gun-related charges. The request will include the initial charges filed, what charges were prosecuted, if a plea deal was offered and what it was, the sentence, and any other related details.

After much discussion, **Commissioner Roberson** made a motion to invite the Deputy DA that has been designated as the Richmond gun crime prosecutor to the next meeting as a guest speaker. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Bautista**. All were in favor. The Commission took no action regarding the proposed letter.

VII PUBLIC FORUM

No public speakers

VIII REVIEW OF RPD POLICIES (313 – Crime Gun Tracing; 404 – Briefing Training; 406 – Crime and Disaster Scene Integrity; 408 – Special Response Team; 424 – Rapid Deployment Team Policy; 706 – Vehicle Use Policy)

After discussion, a motion was made by **Commissioner Roberson** to approve the policies listed above and send them to Chief Magnus with recommendations from the commissioners. **Commissioner Stephenson** seconded the motion.

Commissioner Gillespie said there are several questions that need to be answered regarding the policies and there is no one here from the Police Department to address them. He made a friendly amendment to hold over the policies with questions until the

next RPC meeting when someone will be available to answer the questions.

Commissioner Roberson accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Bautista** to hold over all the policies until the next meeting when a representative from the Police Department is there to answer questions. All were in favor.

IX REPORTS BY:

Chair Ward

- 3/17/10 – Hilltop Green HOA
- 3/19/10 – West Contra Costa Central Committee Meeting
- 3/22/10 – San Francisco Police Commission Meeting
- 3/23/10 – Parkridge Maintenance HOA
- 3/25/10 – PAL Luncheon
- 3/27/10 – Police Department Swearing In Ceremony
- 3/27/10 – Presentation – American Heart Association
Elmhurst Presbyterian Church – Oakland
- 4/01/10 – Police Department Promotion Ceremony

Commissioner Hunziker

- Drafted letter to send to DA's office regarding gun crimes

Commissioner Reyes

- He's been active with the study sessions regarding crime and homicides

Commissioner Stephenson

- Toured De Anza High School with Resource Officer Jackson
- Two Ride-alongs with RPD
- Attended the Family Justice Center Meeting
- Attended Swearing-In Ceremonies
- Attended Latino Crab Feed
- Participated in DUI Check point on Macdonald Ave.
- Attended Promotional Ceremony
- Ride-along with El Cerrito PD

Commissioner Roberson

- Attended RNCC Meeting
- Attended RNCC Board Meeting
- Attended Neighborhood Council meeting
- Attended CPR Saturday
- Attended several City Council meetings
- Working on Richmond Pedestrian Plan
- Attended Pandemic Flu Training
- Attended Easter Egg Hunt

Commissioner Bautista

- 3/06/10 – Attended Operation Richmond event
- 3/26/10 – Attended RPD Line-up and 4-hr Ride-along with Off. Vigil
- Tried to find DUI check point but could not find it

Commissioner Williams

- Attended Promotional Ceremony
- Attended WCAPWG Meeting
- Attended DUI Check point

Commissioner Hembree

- 3/22/10 – Attended Swearing-In Ceremony
- 3/25/10 – Attended memorial for Retired Sgt. Ingram
- Attended DUI Checkpoint

CIAO Casimere

- Daily Contact Log has been distributed

X ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by **Commissioner Roberson** and second by **Commissioner Williams**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Don Casimere
Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer