

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, September 5, 2012 – 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 Vice-Chair Felix Hunziker

ROLL CALL

Present: Therese Barquet
Nemy Bautista
Scott Gillespie
Felix Hunziker
Alejandro Navarro
Bea Roberson (arrived at 7:05)
Glenn Stephenson
Eleanor Thompson

Absent: None

Vacancies: One

Administrative Staff: Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer - Vacant
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I – Present

Council Liaison: Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison – Present

City Attorney's Office Representative: Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Absent

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 11, 2012

Upon motion by **Commissioner Bautista** and second by **Commissioner Barquet**, the minutes for the regular meeting of July 11, 2012, were approved as written.

Public Forum was moved from Item VI to Item III.

III PUBLIC FORUM

Former **CIAO Don Casimere** addressed the commission to thank them for their thoughts, prayers and well wishes that he received from them while he was in the hospital.

IV REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN

Councilmember Ritterman welcomed the reporters from Richmond Confidential. He attended an event at the police department today that introduced the community to the safe disposal of prescription medicine. He said that the budget was balanced with no shortfalls. He reported that there is an event tomorrow night with Lawrence Berkeley National Lab to introduce the science that they will be working on in the new building. There were two town hall meetings in Davis that featured a Richmond transit company called Cybertran. The meetings were attended by John Garamendi and Nate Miley from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Councilmember Ritterman said that he spoke at the meeting also. There will be a measure on the November ballot in Alameda that will be the third reauthorization of a parcel tax for transportation. If it goes through, the Economic Development Director of Livermore would like to direct 28 million of it to use Cybertran technology for the BART extension and they would assemble in Richmond. He said that could be very important for our economic future. **Councilmember Ritterman** spoke about the lawsuit against the city by the lawyers of the Community Coalition against Beverage Taxes. He reported that the city accepted an engineering award in Southern California for their handling of the Via Verde sinkhole project.

V REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)

A. Report of recent activities, events, incidents, and related matters

Chief Magnus said they had a kick off of public awareness for the prescription drug bin at the police department. He said that this will hopefully curb the abuse of prescription drugs and reduce crime also. He said they are starting a new program called INVERT (Interstate Eighty Vehicle Enforcement Recovery Team). They will be working with partner agencies up and down the I-80 corridor in West County. They will be focusing not only on who is stealing the cars but also on where the cars go, such as chop shops, etc. They will also be working with probation and be doing public education campaigns on this project. Det. Mark Hall and Sgt. Dewayne Williams will be heading up the project. The Chief reported that the courts have to make an additional 7 million in permanent budget cuts. This will have a huge impact on the department's ability to be a functional part of the criminal justice system in the county because so many services will be cut. He reported that they had an audit done on their property and evidence room by Police Officers Standards and Training (POST). They gave some recommendations that will help them function more properly. The report stated that their facility was outstanding and that it was a model facility for law enforcement agency property rooms. The Community Corrections Partnership will be meeting tomorrow in Martinez to decide what they will do with the 21 million dollar budget for the AB109 realignment. He feels that they should come up with an operations plan before spending the money and that they should

hire people who can independently evaluate what's working and what isn't. **Chief Magnus** said they are working with the Fire Department, OES and the City Manager's Office to identify what kinds of things they can do, as a community, to better respond to incidents that could occur in the future like what happened at Chevron.

Commissioner Barquet asked when the next community meeting will be regarding AB109 where the different community programs and services will be available to participate. The chief said meetings were held in Richmond, Antioch and Martinez. He doesn't know if there are plans for more.

Commissioner Barquet asked where the funding for the curfew program came from. **Chief Magnus** said it is coming out of the police department budget. The school district will be providing one staff person to help with the program.

Commissioner Hunziker asked if the 21 million was an annual subsidy. The chief said they started out with 4.5 million in October 2011. Now they will be getting 21 million but they are not yet sure of all the costs that will be involved. There will also be state money for jail construction for counties.

Commissioner Stephenson asked the chief if he could address any of the recommendations that POST made in regards to their audit of the property room. The chief said that he could provide a full list of recommendations. One of the recommendations was that there be a permanent partition between the evidence storage area and the work office for the evidence technician. They also recommend a different alarm system and cameras.

Commissioner Stephenson asked how much of the 20 million the sheriff was requesting for the re-entry program. **Chief Magnus** said he believes he is requesting approximately 11 million.

Chair Roberson asked if it is the city's or county's responsibility for housing the AB109 people. The chief said it was the county's responsibility.

Commissioner Navarro asked if they were currently hiring officers. **Chief Magnus** said they have continuous hiring.

VI REPORTS BY RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, LATINO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE

No representatives present.

VII DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTING POSITIVE POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE POLICE COMMISSION (Commissioner Hunziker)

A. Report on Public Service Announcement (PSA) (Commissioner Hunziker)

Commissioner Hunziker reported that the translation to Spanish is complete. He said they may have it ready for review at the next Police Commission meeting.

Commissioner Navarro suggested having meetings in different neighborhoods. **Chair Roberson** agreed that it would be good to get the word out about the Police Commission and to also do a presentation for the City Council.

VIII REPORTS BY:

- **CHAIRPERSON**
- **COMMISSIONERS**
- **STAFF**

Chair Roberson

- Attended National Night Out
- Attended West County Alcohol Policy Working Group meeting
- Did 2 ride-alongs
- Attended NAACP meeting
- Attended REACT meeting

Commissioner Gillespie

- Reported that he lives approximate 2,900 feet from where the refinery fire occurred. He said it was a very scary experience watching this fire burn.

Commissioner Bautista

- Attended National Night Out
- Attended Promotional/Swearing In Ceremony

Commissioner Stephenson

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Commissioner Barquet

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Commissioner Navarro

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- Played soccer game against Police Department
- Observed DUI Checkpoint

Commissioner Stephenson asked if the Police Commission could be informed whenever there is a DUI Checkpoint. **Chair Roberson** said that she will ask Off. Phil Sanchez to notify the commission two to three days before the checkpoint.

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IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Bea Roberson, Chair