

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014 – 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 Scott Gillespie**

ROLL CALL

Present: Therese Barquet
Nemy Bautista
Scott Gillespie
Alejandro Navarro
Bea Roberson

Absent: Yenny Velazquez
Felix Hunziker

Vacancies: Two

Administrative Staff: Terry Simpson, Investigator – Present
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I – Present

Council Liaison: Jael Myrick, Council Liaison – Present

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

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 7, 2014

Upon motion by **Commissioner Roberson** and second by **Commissioner Bautista**, the minutes for the regular meeting of May 7, 2014, were approved as written.

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

A. Report of recent crime statistics with monthly/annual comparisons

Sgt. Walle distributed the following handouts: RPD Beat 7 Newsletter and the crime stats for May 2014.

- B. Report of recent ShotSpotter statistics with monthly/annual comparisons

Sgt. Walle distributed a handout with the shots fired stats for May 2014.

- C. Report of other recent activities, events, incidents, and related matters

He said that the chief wanted to report that each department has been asked to reduce their budget by 17% for fiscal year 14-15. He said the police department needs to cut its budget by 2 million which means there will be some reorganization within the department. **Sgt. Walle** reminded the commission that the Juneteenth Festival will be held on 6/28/14, at Nichol Park. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. at Cutting and Marina.

Commissioner Barquet asked if they anticipated a rise in shots fired in June and July of this year like last year. **Sgt. Walle** said that as the weather heats up, crime also rises.

Chair Gillespie asked if there was a procedure or practice for RPD calling in traffic stops or is there an exception for motor units because they are so busy. **Sgt. Walle** said there's been a practice of calling in traffic stops and a practice for motor units not to call in traffic stops because of the amount of stops they make.

Commissioner Bautista congratulated **Sgt. Walle** on his promotion to lieutenant.

Commissioner Barquet said she was surprised to learn that there is no policy regarding calling in traffic stops.

Commissioner Roberson asked if officers had to turn in a report of car stops they've made if they don't call them in. **Sgt. Walle** said they do not.

IV REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JAEL MYRICK

- A. Report on recent activities, events, incidents and related matters

Councilmember Myrick said that the council made a decision to urge the planning commission to expedite the final EIR for the Chevron project. They put in a resolution with the schedule that they'd like to see the planning commission follow. They also passed an ordinance that gives the council more authority to step in if it looks like the planning commission is taking too long. They want to make sure a decision is made before the council recess in August. They also passed the second reading for the minimum wage increase.

- B. Report, discussion and action on the joint Celebratory Gunfire Prevention Project

Councilmember Myrick said he spoke with **Michelle Milam** from Crime Prevention. He said that for the weeks leading up to the 4th of July, they want to get key liquor stores in key areas to make sure there is some sort of sign reminding people not to engage in celebratory gunfire. He had three samples of flyers for the commissioners to review. **Commissioner Roberson** asked if they could let the committee know what flyer the commission prefers and then let the committee

decide. **Councilmember Myrick** agreed and said he would let the committee know about the suggested revisions. The commissioners reviewed the samples. After discussion they unanimously chose flyer #2 (with the red lettering). **Commissioner Bautista** suggested that the flyers be distributed at the library and city hall. **Commissioner Roberson** suggested that they be passed out at the Juneteenth Crime Prevention and/or Police Commission booths. **Commissioner Barquet** suggested that they print postcard size and flyer size. **Councilmember Myrick** said he would discuss the suggestions with Michelle Milam. **Commissioner Bautista** thanked him for his interest and participation in this matter.

V PUBLIC FORUM

Glenn Stephenson reported on his visit to the Antioch Coffee with a Cop event. The event is run by the police department and police chief. It is held three times a year. It lasts for 2 hours. The mayor attends and it's very well attended by citizens (sometimes 300 to 400 people). Some of the subjects they cover are crime stats, clearance rates on city crimes, year to year priorities, response times, staff levels, license plate readers, etc. There is also a question and answer period where the chief answers questions from the audience.

VI REPORT ON PROGRESS OF STUDENT SURVEY (Commissioner Barquet)

Commissioner Barquet said she would give her report at the next meeting.

VII DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

No commissioners volunteered to ride in the parade. **Commissioners Navarro and Barquet** volunteered to work at the festival.

VIII DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING POLICE COMMISSION CONTACT LIST (Commissioner Bautista)

Commissioner Bautista said that he would like the commissioners to receive the contact log so that they know who called or came into the office. He said it was a good tool. After discussion, it was decided that this item will be revisited at the next meeting.

IX REPORTS BY:

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

Commissioner Roberson

- Went on a Ride-along
- Attended Juneteenth Planning Committee meetings
- Attended Council meetings
- Attended RNCC meetings

Commissioner Bautista

- Observed a DUI checkpoint

X CLOSED SESSION

A. Discussion and Action regarding RPC Complaint #02-2013

Upon motion and second, the report for RPC Complaint #02-2013 and findings of **Unsubstantiated** for allegations of excessive/unnecessary force were accepted.

The complainant, officer, and chief of police will be notified in writing of the findings regarding this complaint.

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Scott Gillespie, Chair