



CITY OF LONG BEACH

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

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March 4, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
CALIFORNIA

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive and approve the recommendation of the Public Safety Advisory Commission for the development of a City ordinance concerning ammunition sales records.

DISCUSSION

The Public Safety Advisory Commission, at its meeting held January 9, 2008, considered communications relative to the above subject.

It is the recommendation of the Public Safety Advisory Commission to the City Council that the communications be received and approved.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT HILDEBRAND, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF LONG BEACH

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Attachments: Minutes, Public Safety Advisory Commission
January 9, 2008 and November 14, 2007

A regular meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC) convened at 7:07 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Miles Devine
Margo Hoffer
Roger Kavigan
Dennis Porter
Jessica Quintana
Lucy Whitcomb
Robert Hildebrand, Chair

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Commander Jorge Cisneros, Long Beach Police Department
Daisy Gomez, City Clerk Analyst
Dina Lopez, City Clerk Specialist

Chair Hildebrand presiding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Devine moved, seconded by Commissioner Kavigan, that the November 14, 2007 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Carried by unanimous vote.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING AND NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT FOR THE DECEMBER 12, 2007 MEETING

Commissioner Quintana moved, seconded by Commissioner Hoffer, that the Affidavit of Posting and Notice of Adjournment for the December 12, 2007 meeting be received and filed. Carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PSAC Meeting Locations and Presentations

Commissioner Devine moved, seconded by Commissioner Porter, that the 2008 PSAC Meeting and Locations and Presentations schedule be received and filed. Carried by unanimous vote.

Daisy Gomez, City Clerk Analyst, announced that Deputy Chief Mike Garcia will attend the February 13, 2008 meeting.

Ammunitions Records Sales Ordinance

Without objection, Chair Hildebrand declared that the City of Los Angeles Ordinance be received and filed, a copy which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Commissioner Devine moved, seconded by Commissioner Kavigan, that the November 14, 2007 motion regarding the Records of Ammunition Sales be approved as amended to refer the item to the City Council to approve recommendation. Carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Service Commendation

Chair Hildebrand led a discussion regarding the Commendation submitted at the November 14, 2007 meeting; and requested that staff provide a copy of the commendation to the City Clerk's office for the record; and requested a motion be made to forward Commendation to the Mayor for review for appointment.

Commissioner Kavigan moved, seconded by Commissioner Devine to refer the Commendation form nominating Lisa Massacani, Neighborhood Watch Program Coordinator, to the Mayor for review for appointment. Carried by unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Comments

Chair Hildebrand updated the Commission regarding his efforts to communicate with the Mayor's office requesting that the Commissioner's vacancies be filled; and urged the Commissioner's to contact their Councilmember to help fill the six PSAC vacancies.

Commissioner Devine moved, seconded by Commissioner Kavigan, to prepare a correspondence from the Chair to the Mayor and City Council regarding appointments to the PSAC. Carried by unanimous vote.

Commander Cisneros entered.

A discussion ensued regarding term limits of current Commissioner's; and requested City Clerk staff to provide an accurate PSAC roster from the Mayor's office.

Staff Comments

Commander Cisneros spoke regarding violent crime statistics that slightly increased for 2007 Fiscal Year, and will be posted by the end of January 2008; that the murder rates have slightly increased; that a Press Conference took place regarding a suspect that was incarcerated based on the 19th and Cedar New Year's Eve party, that an individual shot four people at the party; that the LBPD has been working around the budget cuts and staff overtime; and responded to questions.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m., there being no objection, Chair Hildebrand declared the meeting adjourned.

NOTE: Next Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting will be held at the **Long Beach Health Department located at 2525 Grand Avenue in the Administrative Conference room, Room 204.** Please enter the Main front entrance, go up the stairs on the left to the 2nd floor, and go straight down the hall to the conference room. Thank you.

A regular meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC) convened at 7:01 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Miles Devine
Margo Hoffer
Roger Kavigan
Jessica Quintana
Jan L. Ward, Vice Chair
Robert Hildebrand, Chair

ABSENT: " Dennis Porter
Lucy Whitcomb

ALSO PRESENT: Commander Jorge Cisneros, Long Beach Police Department
Daisy Gomez, City Clerk Analyst

Chair Hildebrand presiding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Devine moved, seconded by Commissioner Kavigan, that the October 10, 2007 meeting minutes be approved as amended to indicate that Commissioner Hoffer had attended the Long Beach Health Department's Methamphetamine Task Force forum; and would continue to attend. Carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke in favor of the use of ammunition sales records:

Dr. Doris Kagin, Long Beach Coalition for Prevention of Gun Violence representative.

Barbara Shoag, Long Beach resident.

Peggy McCrum, Long Beach resident.

Shirley Bailey, Rossmore resident.

The following speakers spoke in favor of the use of ammunition sales records following Commissioner Quintana's request that the public comment be continued.

Dr. Lydia Hollie, Chair, Gang Violence Task Force.

LaWanda Hawkins, Justice for Murdered Children representative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PSAC Meeting Locations and Presentations

Staff advised that the January 9, 2008 Agenda would include the Commission meeting locations and dates.

Commissioner Kavigan moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that the December 12, 2007 meeting be dark. Carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion regarding Ammunition Sales Records

Commander Cisneros spoke in favor of ammunition sales records use; and responded to questions.

Chair Hildebrand commended Commander Johnson, Long Beach Police Department, for speaking at the October 10, 2007 PSAC meeting.

Commissioner Quintana requested that public comment be held at this time.

A discussion ensued among the Commissioners and staff.

Commissioner Quintana moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ward, to refer the item to the Public Safety Committee to request from the City Attorney to draft an ammunition sales records ordinance to include the thumbprint; and to work with the retailer Big 5 Sporting Goods to prevent negative impact. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS :	Devine,Hildebrand,Hoffer, Ward,Quintana.
NOES:	"	: None.
ABSTAIN:	"	: Kavigan.
ABSENT:	"	: Porter,Whitcomb.

Chair Hildebrand thanked all the public speakers for attending the meeting; and acknowledged Bianca Roman, District 1.

Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Quintana moved, seconded by Commissioner Kavigan, to amend the motion that the item be sent to the Public Safety Committee who could request the City Attorney to draft an ammunition sales records ordinance, using the Tiburon Ordinance as a model, and include the requirement for a thumbprint as part of the ammunition sales records, what should be done with the data, how would the files be kept, what would be the police jurisdiction in looking at the ammunition sales records, and the quantity of ammunition purchased at one time; that City staff work with the Long Beach companies that sell ammunition to refine the ordinance language; and before the ordinance was drafted that the ordinance be submitted to the Public Safety Advisory Commission for review. Carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Service Commendation

Commissioner Kavigan submitted a Public Safety Service Commendation form nominating Lisa Massacani, Neighborhood Watch Program Coordinator, a copy of which was received and made part of the permanent record.

Health and Human Services

There being no objection, Chair Hildebrand declared that the "What is Methamphetamine" brochure be received and filed.

Presentation by Deputy Chief Mike Garcia

Deputy Chief Mike Garcia presented an overview of the Long Beach Fire Department, a copy of which was received and made part of the permanent record; and responded to questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kavigan noted for the record that he would have been in favor of the ammunition sales records if a copy of the ordinance was presented.

Vice Chair Ward commended Long Beach Police Department for efforts in the community.

Commissioner Quintana invited the Commissioners and staff to the 4th Annual Holiday Fiesta and Membership Mixer held by the Latino Managers and Professionals Organization and Centro CHA, a copy of which was received and made part of the permanent record.

Staff Comments

Commander Cisneros spoke regarding the budget that was presented to the City Council; advised that crime statistics slightly increased; that the Long Beach Police Department's goal was to decrease overall crimes; and responded to questions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection, at 9:00 P.M., Commissioner Kavigan moved, seconded by Commissioner Quintana, that the meeting be adjourned.

NOTE: Next Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center, located at 425 Atlantic Avenue.