



**CITY OF VALLEJO
AD-HOC CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR
555 SANTA CLARA STREET, VALLEJO**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. COMMUNITY FORUM

Anyone wishing to address the Committee on any matter not listed on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee to resolve, may speak after stating his/her name and address for the record.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2012 MEETING

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS PROCESS

- a. Committee member DeJesus is scheduled to make a presentation.

C. PRESENTATION REGARDING FATAL INCIDENT PROTOCOL

- a. Solano County Deputy District Attorney Don du Bain and Solano County District Attorney's Office Chief Investigator Kurtis Cardwell are scheduled to make a presentation.

D. REPORT FROM VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

- a. Brief update on department activities and initiatives. (10 minutes)

E. REPORT FROM VALLEJO FIRE DEPARTMENT

- a. Brief update on department activities and initiatives. (10 minutes)

F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORT TEMPLATE

- a. Reports from subcommittee chairpersons. Discussion of a template for subcommittee reports. Staff report enclosed.

G. AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. Discussion of draft schedule of agenda topics for future meetings and by motion adopt schedule of agenda topics. Staff report enclosed.

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- a. One written communication is enclosed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING CITY OF VALLEJO

I, Dawn G. Sheehan certify that I caused to be posted the
notice of Ad-hoc Citizens Public
Safety Committee in the areas
designated on August 3, 2017
(Date) City Clerk / Designee

Dawn G. Sheehan

**CITY OF VALLEJO
AD-HOC CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
July 25, 2012**

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Schivley.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted:

Present: Kathy Beistel, Karol Heppe, Kevin Kelley, Joanne Schivley, Robert Schussel, Burky Worel, William Tweedy, Sid DeJesus and Pat Dunn.

Absent: None.

Staff present: Craig Whittom and Alan Cohen.

4. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Committee member Worel and carried unanimously by members present, the agenda and the Consent Calendar was approved.

A. Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2012 Meeting

Action: Approved minutes

6. OLD BUSINESS – None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

B. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEB-SITE

a. Greg Taylor of Vallejo Police Department made a presentation.

C. PRESENTATION REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN

VALLEJO

- a. Mike Humphries of Vallejo Fire Department made a presentation.

D. REPORT FROM VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Committee member DeJesus expressed he had provided his time to Mr. Taylor and did not provide a report.

E. REPORT FROM VALLEJO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Committee member Dunn made a report.

F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication Subcommittee – Committee member Beistel provided a report.

Finance Subcommittee - Committee member Worel provided reports.

Operations Subcommittee – Chairperson Heppe and Committee member Kelley provided a report.

G. SURVEY OF RESIDENTS REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

- a. Discussion of whether to survey residents regarding public safety issues.

H. LENGTH OF REPORTS FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

- a. Discussion of limiting time to 10 minutes for standing reports from the Police and Fire Departments.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

- a. Motion by Committee Member Heppe to recommend to the City Council Public Safety Committee that public forums are conducted to solicit citizen input.

Action: Motion Failed.

Yes: Heppe,

No: Beistel, Kelley, Schivley, Schussel, Tweedy, Worel.

J. AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The schedule of agenda topics was discussed.

K. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Date: August 8, 2012
TO: Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee
FROM: Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager *aw*
SUBJECT: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORT TEMPLATE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive verbal reports from subcommittees.

Discuss and approve by motion a written report template.

DISCUSSION

A draft template has been prepared for the Committee's consideration. The purpose of the report template is to provide simplicity and structure to the subcommittee recommendations and ultimately the report from the Committee to the City Council Public Safety Committee.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Draft report template.

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TEMPLATE FOR SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMITTEE TO CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Subject Area

(list the one of three City Council resolution areas of focus)

Issue

(describe issue e.g. "Use of Volunteers")

Recommendation

(short term < six months, medium term 6-18 months, long term > 18 months)

(Simply describe recommendation)

Background

(Provide background information if needed)

Sources for further information

(list contact information or website links)



Date: August 8, 2012
TO: Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee
FROM: Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager *aw*
SUBJECT: AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and approve by motion agenda topics for upcoming meetings.

DISCUSSION

Staff has prepared a draft schedule of agenda topics. This schedule will be updated regularly by the Committee.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Draft Agenda Topics

Ad Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee – Draft Agenda Topics

August 8, 2012

August 22, 2012

Citizen police review - Michael Rains of Rains, Lucia and Stern

Citizen police review - Barbara Attard – consultant with review board experience

Verbal Subcommittee reports

September 5

Interim Police Chief Joseph Kreins – former Novato Police Chief and staff to review board

Representatives of other Police Review Boards

Status of POST Study

Review of current and future trends in public safety compensation methodology.

Review of written Subcommittee reports for Resolution First Priority Study Area (Operations)

September 19

Review of written Subcommittee reports

Review of written Reports Resolution Second Priority Study Area (citizen review) and Third Priority Study Area (trends in compensation)

October 3

Final review of written Report to City Council



Date: August 8, 2012
TO: Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee
FROM: Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager *aw*
SUBJECT: WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

One written communication sent to the Committee is attached. Staff has responded to the individual and indicated the letter has been forwarded to the Committee as part of tonight's agenda packet.

DOCUMENT ATTACHED

7/30/12 letter from James Davis

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Your email ~~addr~~ address in T-H didn't work

JAMES D. DAVIS

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CITY OF VALLEJO

Ad Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee

555 Santa Clara St.

Vallejo, CA., 94590

July 27, 2012

Dear Committee:

Violence v. Marijuana. Of course the greatest need is to stop the violence, shootings, drug dealing (I don't mean the marijuana clinics; I mean real drug dealing on the streets), burglaries, robberies, vehicle thefts, and way down at the bottom prostitution and vandalism. The police should patrol—either in cars or walking or bicycling—to establish a presence. Arresting people for selling marijuana in clinics is silly, wasteful, and embarrassing for grown up cops. They won't even come out to take a report on vandalism, won't even take a report. They don't investigate burglaries or robberies. But they bust marijuana clinics.

Neighborhood Blight. Better order and control of the city is needed. That means not only policing by police but also by code enforcement. Focus on abandoned and neglected properties, not on marijuana clinics. The criminals are not the people selling marijuana to un-carded patients; the criminals are the property owners and banks who allow our properties to decline. If marijuana patients hang around clinics or smoke in public, the police should hustle them along, like they hustle along drinkers outside a bar or a convenience store. Don't bring in the SWAT team to bust another clinic, arrest its operators, confiscate all the property, prosecute them in court, and forfeit the tax revenue. That is stupid. Bring suit against property owners and banks who don't maintain their property; let the Bay Area know that if you own property in Vallejo you'd better take care of it or the city will be all over you with lawsuits. It's not complicated law; it just takes a staff to do it. Take the money wasted on busting clinics and hire three new assistant city attorneys, two for neglected properties and one for prostitution and vandalism. Fire some cops if necessary.

What Goes Around... In the upcoming negotiations with the police union, make plain to them the consequences of having stolen \$6 million from the city with a cute contract trick (they now require notice of intent to negotiate, despite 12 prior years of negotiations without notice). The city neglected to read the contract. Now it is time for the police to learn what taking advantage means. I can hear the cop conversation: "We can't do that. We know they want to negotiate." "Yes, we can do it. The contract says we can do it. They're SCREWED! HA, HA, HA."

Cops As the Enemy. In addition to cleaning up the town (really cleaning it up, not by busting tax-paying clinics), the cops should integrate into the community. They are hated. They should go to schools, churches, basketball games, waterfront celebrations, and mix with the community. The police cannot do their job unless they have the community behind them, and our cops don't. In that connection, it is my strongest hope that the committee can investigate the department and require transparency and accountability. A shooting a few years ago of an unarmed man making a film was closed up without police accountability. They stiffed me, telling me there will be a hearing and findings, but I was not entitled to see them unless I filed an FOIA suit. Ditto with a more recent cop shooting of an unarmed man. The story never appears in the paper after the investigation and findings are made, and almost certainly there was something stinky about both of these killings. I want there to be an independent body that reviews police conduct, not the DA. Without transparency, the community will continue to look at the police as the enemy (and busting marijuana clinics adds a whole new crop of cop-haters, the last thing the cops needed).

Cops Need Common Sense Priorities. Set priorities for the cops. Throw off the sentiment that "The chief must be allowed to do his job without political influence." The city charter puts the city manager over the chief (and the people are over the city manager). The city manager can make a list for the chief to follow, priorities. The council can make that list for the city manager if he's confused. Marijuana clinics will be at the bottom of police concerns, except for clearing away the flotsam and jetsam that collects around the clinics. We, the people, can tell our chief how to do his job. It's not up to him. We pay his salary, not the city manager or the council or the treasurer. He is paid with our tax money. And we told him plainly how we feel about marijuana clinics with our overwhelming support for taxation of the clinics. But he didn't listen.

I'm afraid to carry more than \$20 when I walk the streets. I have to accompany residents of my building to the ATM because they are old and frail and likely to be attacked by thugs. We need cops walking around or driving around. Especially at night. Downtown is scary. Thank you.

James D. Davis