CITY OF SANTA ANA

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 23, 2019
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
City Hall Ross Annex, Conference Room 1600
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California

Committee Members: Councilmembers Penaloza & Villegas
Staff: Chief of Police David Valentin, OCFA Division Chief James Henery, Assistant City Attorney Tamara Bogosian and Director of Planning & Building Minh Thai

Recording Secretary: Yessenia Aspeitia

PUBLIC COMMENTS
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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2018 Meeting

2. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair Person
   RECOMMENDATION ACTION: Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair Person for Public Safety, Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Empowerment Committee.

3. Update on Police Recruitment and Hiring – Deputy Chief Enrique Esparza

4. Update Park Ranger Recruitment - Deputy Chief Enrique Esparza and Director of Parks, Rec. & Community Services Lisa Rudloff

5. Graffiti Report – Assistant Public Works Maintenance Manager Danell Mercado

6. Cyber Cafés – Code Enforcement Manager Alvaro Nunez and Deputy Chief Ken Gominsky
7. 911 calls made from the Courtyard Shelter – Deputy Chief Ken Gominsky and OCFA Division Chief James Henery

8. Update on Citywide Homelessness Response - Acting City Manager Mendoza

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The next Public Safety and Neighborhood Empowerment meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall Ross Annex, Room 1600, 20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA.

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CALL TO ORDER: Ross Annex, Room 1600
City Hall, 20 Civic Center Drive
Santa Ana, California
5:38 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council Committee members:
Juan Villegas, Mayor Pro Tem
David Penaloza

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Mendoza, CMO  David Valentin, PD
Tamara Bogosian, CAO  James Henery, OCFA
Enrique Esparza, PD  Lisa Rudloff, Parks & Rec.
Ken Gominsky, PD  Danell Mercado, PW
Melecio Sarabia, PD  Alvaro Nunez, PB
Randy Black, OCFA  Hafsa Kaka, CDA
Yessenia Aspeitia, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Esther Fonseca, concerned constituent
Chris Schmidt, Windsor Village NA
Thomas Gordon, concerned constituent
Evangeline Gawronski, concerned constituent
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Mayor Pro Tem Juan Villegas

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Esther Fonseca, concerned constituent, provided a brief update of the loud and raucous noise ordinance and the current enforcement efforts taking place. Ms. Fonseca shared her frustration that police officers are not consistently issuing citations on loud music calls, and made a suggestion for a unit to be created to focus to respond to loud music calls.

Chris Schmidt, Windsor Village resident, talked on property located on 1625 S. Cypress Street – Old Cypress Street fire station. He provided a brief three-year summary on series of incidents that this property has gone through that covers every issue being address in current agenda. Mr. Schmidt encouraged all departments to continue to work together to address the ongoing problems of homelessness, trash clean up and graffiti.

AGENDA ITEMS

(Item Number 2 taken out of order)

2. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

A motion is made to elect Mayor Pro Tem Juan Villegas as Committee Chair, and Councilmember David Penaloza as Committee Vice Chair.

MOTION: Penaloza  SECOND: Villegas

VOTE:  AYES: Penaloza, Villegas

Motion passes.

1. Approval of Minutes from the October 1, 2018 Meeting

MOTION: Villegas  SECOND: Penaloza

VOTE:  AYES: Penaloza, Villegas

Motion passes.

3. Update on Police Officer Recruitment and Hiring – Deputy Chief Enrique Esparza

Deputy Chief Esparza presented the Council Committee with an update on Police Officer hiring, by reviewing the number of vacancies compared to filled positions year-to-date, as
4. Update on Park Ranger Recruitment – Deputy Chief Enrique Esparza and Director of Parks, Rec. & Community Services Lisa Rudloff

Deputy Chief Esparza provided a verbal update on recruitment efforts for the Park Ranger position with one applicant currently in the backgrounds phase. He mentioned there is little to no interest in this position because the threshold is the same to be a police officer and time is then invested in pursuing that career path. Chief Valentin gave a background on recruitment for this position with previously hiring retired Santa Ana police officers but had to do away with it due to PERS regulation. In order to address immediate concern in safety especially in the evening, Chief Valentin had previously suggested hiring private security to secure bathrooms, observe and report any criminal activity. Vice Chair Penaloza expressed his hesitance in this option because of a disconnect it would cause with Santa Ana residents. Deputy Chief Gominsky shared he had previously looked into other agencies retirees and their interest in becoming a park ranger, such as LAPD, LASD and OCSD as an alternative to address PERS issue. He reported that commitment and interest for this job would not be the same in comparison to a Santa Ana PD retiree.

Director of Parks and Rec. Lisa Rudloff expressed that the current immediate concern is locking the bathrooms in the evening. She shared that her staff has been injured on several occasions. In response to this, Director Rudloff stated there is an RFP in the works to bring in private unarmed security to lock bathrooms in various parks. Director Rudloff mention she will be looking into alternatives to address locking bathrooms and their redesign to meet these needs.
ACTION
Council Committee suggested continuing this item for further discussion for other alternatives to address park safety.

5. Graffiti Report – Assistant Public Works Maintenance Manager Danell Mercado and Sergeant Melecio Sarabia

Public Works Manager Danell Mercado presented an overview on graffiti removal program, stating removal services are provided seven days a week by six technicians with one specifically dedicated to parks. Graffiti removal request could either be submitted thru the graffiti hotline, which is answered only during the week with the ability to leave voicemail afterhours or through mySantaAna app where submissions are sent straight to the technician for response. Responses for removal can then be expected to occur within 48-hours but typically in 24. Manager Mercado also shared graffiti removal statistics from the past two years that show people are using the app more to report graffiti then the hotline. As an additional effort to address this ongoing problem, Manager Mercado suggested the consideration of establishing a punitive fine, on top of a restitution fine that is already required to pay to help deter and reduce negative impacts.

Sergeant Sarabia stated that the compensation from graffiti reward program is $500 with stipulation that full cooperation is required from arrest to prosecution of individual. He also addressed the low number of arrest in comparison to number of removal of graffiti is due to lack of cooperation and most cases moved to a diversion program.

Council committee urged continued address on prevention of graffiti by revisiting advisory signage to promote reward program and help deter individuals. A suggestion was also made to revisit scheduling of techs to increase to an additional tech over the weekend to help with calls for services.

6. Cyber Cafes – Code Enforcement Manager Alvaro Nunez and Deputy Chief Ken Gominsky

Manager Alvaro Nunez provided a verbal update on current efforts that are being done between PD, Code Enforcement in with collaboration City Attorney’s Office. There are approximately thirty-five operating cyber cafes in the City of Santa Ana. The common factor is that most are applying for a business license with the intention of being a cyber café, which then result to operating an illegal gambling business.

Deputy Chief Gominsky mentioned there current moratorium while City evaluates what to do with these business moving forward. Deputy Chief Gominsky suggested a ban on cyber cafes. PD Vice units consistently are issuing warrants to go into these businesses where approximately five to twenty-four gambling machines are seized as evidence. Due to the size of these machines, PD has run out of space to store them while awaiting criminal prosecution. Deputy Chief Gominsky stated he is currently looking at low cost storage alternatives to address this issue. To consider the option of getting rid of them while case
is pending, a forensic audit has to be completed which costs $10,000.00 He expressed that the city will continue to hemorrhage money and time spent if this issue is not addressed.

Council committee suggested ensuring public awareness of enforcement and closures that are being done of these illegal gambling businesses.

7. 911 calls made from the Courtyard Shelter – Deputy Chief Ken Gominsky and OCFA Division Chief James Henery

OCFA Division Chief James Henery shared calls for service to the Courtyard shelter have decreased from last year that average 3 calls a day to now 1.6 calls a day. This drop is in result of outreach that was done with the Midnight Mission group in educating how to properly utilize 911. The majority of calls for service coming in are for basic life support instead of the use of paramedics. Spike in calls last year was a result of removals done from Plaza of the Flags and Santa Ana Riverbed.

ACTIONS
Chairman Villegas requested statics on average number of calls for services Care Ambulance responds to Courtyard Shelter.

8.  Update on Citywide Homelessness Response – Homeless Services Manager Hafsa Kaka

Homeless Services Manager Hafsa Kaka presented to the Council Committee with an updated overview of recent projects that have taken place to address homelessness as of October 2018: commencement of Link shelter (200 beds), creation of data dashboard that is updated daily with currently enrollment of 180 people to 150 bed nights, Operation Dignity & Operation Safe Passage lead by Santa Ana PD QOLT and City of Santa Ana Point in Time Count. Additionally, Hafsa shared that city staff is regularly meeting at Santiago Creek and railroad to ensure people are getting into shelters and enforcement continues.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thomas Gordon, concerned constituent, shared his opinion on continued problem in regards to graffiti and staff efforts to enforce ordinance. He encouraged staff to have more community paint out days.

Evangeline Gawronski, concerned constituent, expressed her opinion on graffiti problem and how businesses need to be held accountable for improperly securing spray cans in stores. She would like to know which department would cite business for not abiding by this law.

Esther Fonseca, concerned constituent, expressed that the graffiti removal program is working in her neighborhood. She mentioned that in various times she has called, staff has promptly responded and removed graffiti.
COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Penaloza expressed that issue with old Cypress fire station is high on his radar and will make sure it is also on everyone else's. He agrees with public comment issue of deterioration of this facility needs to be addressed promptly. He will bring this issue to City Council to come up with ways to utilize abandoned properties such as old fire station, which will then deter vandalism and homeless encampments. In regards to police hiring, Vice-Chair Penaloza emphasized the importance of social media to increase public interest and awareness. Vice-Chair Penaloza would like staff to look into an audit of the mySantaAna app in regards to response times for graffiti removal on weekends to adjust scheduling of techs accordingly for availability.

ACTION
Vice-Chair Penaloza would like Alvaro Nunez to provide update on efforts on legal action against Pacific Railroad before the next Council Meeting.

Chairman Villegas thanked and acknowledged staff and community members that worked together in putting together loud music ordinance. He mentioned that citing has not been done due to requirement of second reading of this ordinance but wants to ensure officers are on board to properly cite offenders when responding to loud music calls. In regards to addressing homeless issue, he encouraged funds to be properly utilized to address calls for trash clean up.

The Committee members were engaged in the discussions, expressed interest in the presentations, and thanked staff for their hard work and the public for their attendance.

FUTURE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT - 7:23 P.M.

DAVID VALENTIN
Chief of Police
CALL TO ORDER
City Hall Ross Annex, Conference Room 1600
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California

Committee Members: Jose Solorio, Chair
Cecilia Iglesias, Vice-Chair
David Penaloza

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2018 Special Meeting {Strategic Plan No. 5, 1}
2. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting {Strategic Plan No. 5, 1}
3. FY 18-19 Projected Close {Strategic Plan No. 4,1 & 2} (Kristine Ridge, CMO/Kathryn Downs, FMSA)
4. Measure X and Cannabis Revenue & Spending {Strategic Plan No. 4,1} (Kristine Ridge, CMO/Kathryn Downs, FMSA)
5. Preliminary Proposed FY 19-20 Budget {Strategic Plan No. 4,1} (Kristine Ridge, CMO/Kathryn Downs, FMSA)
6. Strategic Plan Update (Kristine Ridge, CMO)
7. Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Update {Strategic Plan No. 3, 5} (Steven Mendoza, CDA & Joe Dieguez, Kosmont Companies)
STAFF COMMENTS

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019 at 5:00 PM

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20 Civic Center Plaza, Room 1600
Santa Ana, CA
5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council Committee members:
Jose Solorio, Chair
Cecilia Iglesias, Vice Chair
David Penaloza

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kristine Ridge, City Manager
Steven A. Mendoza, CDA Executive Director
Jack Ciulla, IT Chief Technology Innovations Officer
Fuad Sweiss, PWA Executive Director
Kathryn Downs, FMSA Executive Director
Sergio Vidal, FMSA Assistant Director
Daisy Perez, CMO Senior Management Assistant
Bianca L. Zurita, CDA Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mr. Peter Katz – Welcomed New City Manager Kristine Ridge. Mr. Katz expressed his concerns and explained that at the last meeting it was discussed whether to add a position or remove a position but not once during the 3-hour meeting was discussed how to bring more revenue into the City. We are not tackling the real issues how to bring more dollars into the City. We need to find new ways, new challenges and new ideas to promote our downtown and bring more revenue into the city.

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2018 Special Meeting {Strategic Plan No. 5, 1}

   MOTION: Iglesias    SECOND: Penaloza
   VOTE: AYES: Iglesias, Penaloza, Solorio (3)

2. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting {Strategic Plan No. 5, 1}
3. **FY 18-19 Projected Close {Strategic Plan No. 4,1 & 2} (Kristine Ridge, CMO/Kathryn Downs, FMSA)**

City Manager Kristine Ridge, explained that the city is projecting to close the current Fiscal Year with revenues that were anticipated and expenditures less than what it was budgeted in total.

Kathryn Downs, Finance and Management Services Executive Director, presented Budget Summary of the FY 18-19 Projected Close, General Fund Resources and other significant revenues.

Council Committee Vice-Chair Iglesias requested to see the paid out amount for employees' separation in the City Manager's office that put the City in the negative.

Council Committee Chair Solorio reminded that some of the adult-use retail cannabis revenue should be set aside for youth programs and enforcement.

Council Committee Vice-Chair Iglesias requested documents that states what was approved prior to the current Council.

Council Committee Member Penaloza requested that for clarification and transparency, he would like a breakdown of what each of the projects mean.

4. **Measure X and Cannabis Revenue & Spending {Strategic Plan No. 4,1} (Kristine Ridge, CMO/Kathryn Downs, FMSA)**

Kathryn Downs explained that Measure X is General Fund Revenue can be used for any legal purpose of the City.

Council Committee member Penaloza does not feel comfortable using Measure X money to pay staff salaries.

City Manager, Kristine Ridge explained that the Police Department is expected to close their year within their current budget and staff is not seeking to make additional transfer.

Council Committee member Penaloza requested the information on the number of cars bought through the Vehicle Incentive Program.

Council Committee Vice Chair Iglesias requested a breakdown of how much money was spent on Enforcement for each department. She is also requesting to see the list of the non-profit organizations that applied for the CDBG Program but not selected to receive funds.
5. **Preliminary Proposed FY 19-20 Budget {Strategic Plan No. 4,1} (Kristine Ridge, CMO/Kathryn Downs, FMSA)**

Staff held five Budget Community meetings in compliance with the Sunshine Ordinance. A total of 153 participants attended those meetings. At each meeting a survey was taken from the community to better understand the needs of the community.

Council Committee members would like to see detail information taken from those surveys.

Council Committee Members ensued in conversations how to increase revenue for the City.

Council Committee Chair Solorio suggested to dedicate a future meeting on how to generate revenue and proposals.

Community Development Executive Director Steven Mendoza explained that HEAP money and SB2 monies are used to fund the MOU to address homelessness.

City Manager Kristine Ridge explained to Council Committee Members that per their request, they will be receiving a briefing on the MOU and status of the Yale site and the efforts with the County.

Council Committee Vice-Chair Iglesias would like to know where the $18 million to address homelessness is coming from. Staff will provide a breakdown for each department.

Council Committee Chair Solorio expressed his concerns regarding security to address homelessness.

Council Committee Vice-Chair Iglesias feels that the money allocating for Measure X should be for new programs not to fulfilled something that the City should had done with previous funds.

Kathryn Downs, FMSA Executive Director presented the proposed FY 19-20 General Fund Budget.

Council Committee Vice-Chair Iglesias expressed her concerns regarding the 19-20 Budget. For transparency purpose, she would like to see which projects are ongoing and which have end dates.

Jack Ciulla, Chief Technology Innovations Officer of IT, explained that the IT department is working to provide more electronic forms on the City's website.

Council Committee Member Penaloza would like to see city forms that will populate data into the city's data base system without having to come in person.
6. **Strategic Plan Update (Kristine Ridge, CMO)**

City Manager Kristine Ridge provided overview goal of the strategic plan for each department. The Sunshine Ordinance requires to hold a public workshop. She recommends to do a retreat with City Council to plan the next Strategic Plan and just update the current Strategic Plan to give enough time to plan the necessary activities to do a thorough Strategic Planning.

Council Committee Member Penaloza inquired about the Housing Opportunity Ordinance (HOO) fee.

City Manager Kristine Ridge will provide a table indicating what other Cities’ HOO fee is compared to that of Santa Ana.

Council Committee Vice-Chair Iglesias spoke.

Steven Mendoza, CDA Executive Director explained that staff is reviewing the HOO based on previous input from City Council. It will be presented to the Committee and then to City Council within couple of months.

7. **Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Update {Strategic Plan No. 3, 5} (Steven Mendoza, CDA & Joe Dieguez, Kosmont Companies)**

Steven Mendoza, provided an overview of Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts study which was funded by SCAG. Kosmont has completed the study and presented their findings.

Joe Dieguez, Senior Vice President of Kosmont Companies and Kimberly Clark from SCAG presented the results of the study.

Council Committee Vice-Chair Iglesias would like to see the presentation at a different type of setting to have enough time to take in all the information.

Steven Mendoza clarified the intent to bring Kosmont to obtain guidance from the Committee to begin discussion with the County.

**ITEMS MOVED TO NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**
- None

**STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS:**
- Kristine Ridge, City Manager – Recommended a presentation on the Opportunity Zone should be done for this committee, a critical component of the Economic Development Plan.
COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Council Committee Vice Chair Iglesias would like for staff to bring to the committee a presentation on the Opportunity Zone.
- Council Committee Member Penaloza would like to hold a Special Meeting Mid-June, before the end of the Fiscal Year. Also requesting to bring an item on the Census 2020.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, August 12, 2019

ADJOURNMENT – 8:25 PM

Bianca L. Zurita
Recording Secretary, CDA