REGULAR MEETING AGENDA PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION Council Chambers, 1685 Main St, Santa Monica, CA 90401 Tuesday, February 6, 2024 6:00pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Miller – here

Raman – here

Scott – absent

Mohanty – here

Devermont – here

Stedge Stroud – Absent

Centeno – Here

McGlaughlin Basseri – Here

Cruz – Absent

Palazzolo – Here

Winnemore – Here

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1. Public Input: Public input is permitted only on items not on the agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. State law prohibits the body from taking any action on items not listed on the agenda, including issues raised under this agenda item. (Can be omitted for special meetings.)

2. Public Input (Agenda Items Under SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS, CLOSED SESSION, CONSENT CALENDAR Only)

3. Special Agenda Items

4. Consent Calendar

5. Public Input On Remaining Agenda Items

7. Study Session

8. Continued Items

9. Staff Administrative Items

1a. Approval of all 2023 Minutes

Comm. Miller abstains from voting on approval of minutes. Motion from Vice Chair Centeno to accept the minutes, seconded by Raman., motion passes with 6 votes and one abstention from Commissioner Miller and 4 absent commissioners (Scott, Cruz, Harrington, and Stedge-Stroud)

10. Written Communication

11. PSROC Member Discussion Items

1a. Discuss and vote on sending a request to the City Attorney’s Office to provide representation from their office at every regular meeting of the PSROC.

Introduction of Attorney Anthony Taylor, who will staff commission meetings going forward to provide legal guidance regarding Brown Act and other relevant legal issues for the PSROC

1b. Discussion regarding commissions priorities and plans for 2024.

Commissioner Centeno proposed coming up with priorities that align with the City’s 5 main focus areas:

* **Addressing Homelessness:** Prevent housed Santa Monicans from becoming homeless and increase the supply of affordable housing, address the behavioral health needs of vulnerable individuals and advocate for regional capacity to address homelessness.
* **Clean & Safe Santa Monica:** Create an atmosphere marked by clean and safe public spaces and neighborhoods, including parks for recreation and leisure activities.
* **Cultivate Economic Recovery & Expand Community & Cultural Offerings:**Cultivate economic opportunity and recovery and invest in community and cultural amenities and programs for all community members, focused on expanding opportunities for youth, teens and seniors.
* **Racial Justice, Equity & Social Diversity:** The City of Santa Monica acknowledges the effects of generational and institutional racism and discrimination, and its consequences that continue to impact our residents and businesses. These lessons of our history cannot be ignored. The City is committed to advancing racial equity and social diversity to improve the wellbeing of people who live, work, learn, play, and do business in our City and create a community where differences in life outcomes cannot be predicted by race, class, gender, disability or other identities. Everyone in Santa Monica must have an opportunity to thrive.
* **Sustainable & Connected Community:** Ensure that City policies and programs enhance our resources, prevent and remedy harm to the natural environment and human health, and benefit the social and economic wellbeing of the community for the sake of current and future generations.

Commissioner Raman discussed hybrid meetings for greater public participation, bi-lingual transcripts, possibility of holding a town hall meeting with the community and the police department, and having a retreat for the commission.

Attorney Taylor provided guidance on the key considerations with retreats, primarily being these are still public meetings, they require agendas, etc. Social gatherings with no relation to commission business are permissible.

Commissioner Miller stated his priorities as achieving effective public safety reform and oversight, collaborating with SMPD to achieve those outcomes whenever possible, and to work more effectively with the Inspector General. Commissioner Miller would also like to see more frequent meetings of the community engagement committee and others.

Commissioner Raman asked to schedule a Brown Act training in the near future with Attorney Taylor.

Commissioner Mohanty requested a report that outlines the goals and priorities of the ad hoc committees

Adjournment

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