

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2022
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
5:00 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to AB 361 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Chris Frost; Vice Chair Doug Stewart; Commissioners Daphne Anneet, Keegan Gibbs, and Joshua Spiegel; and Ex Officio Member Brent Woodworth

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Gabe Etcheverry, Fire Safety Liaison; Luis Flores, Public Safety Liaison; Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant; Arthur Aladjajian, Public Works Superintendent; Parker Davis, Media Technician; Sri Chakravarthy, Contract Traffic Engineer; Lieutenant Chad Watters, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Safety Liaison Etcheverry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Gibbs moved, and Chair Frost seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Chair Frost requested the agenda be amended to hear Item No. 5.A. prior to the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Gibbs accepted the amendment.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Chair Frost requested the agenda be amended to hear Item Nos. 5.A. and 5.C. concurrently prior to the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Gibbs accepted the amendment.

The question was called, and the amended motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on April 27, 2022.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL / PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thomas Moore discussed concerns and provided a video about speeding in the Point Dume neighborhood.

Ryan Embree discussed the County's plans for Camp Kilpatrick. He stated the same use of Camp Scott had been opposed by Santa Clarita. He stated the County did not investigate environmental impacts at either site. He discussed problems of how to deal with escapees, emergency evacuations, and the safety of residents in nearby homes. He discussed the communications tower at 23555 Civic Center Way.

ITEM 2.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated the Flock agreement was moving along. She stated the final interviews for Fire Safety Liaison were scheduled tomorrow, and the City may choose to hire two part-time Fire Safety Liaisons, rather than one full-time. She stated both final candidates were tremendously qualified. She discussed the status of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget process. She stated it included a plan to make the Public Safety office a Department.

Public Safety Liaison Flores stated City staff continued working with the Sheriff's Department and The People Concern (TPC) on homeless welfare checks. He stated TPC housed four individuals in March and seven in February. He stated some new individuals had come from inland areas and out of state.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated staff met with the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) that was monitoring sites in Malibu the past week. She stated coordination would increase with warmer temperatures and increased fire danger.

Fire Safety Liaison Etcheverry discussed live fuel moisture trends with levels of 180% in February, 122% in March, and 112% in April. He stated levels were in line with the same time last year and lower than the historic average by about 15%.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated City staff continued working with Caltrans to develop a comprehensive redesign plan for the intersections of PCH at Las Flores and Rambla Vista (Las Flores/Rambla). He stated the City would present a funding application to the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG).

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian discussed the City Council's direction in 2020 regarding an agreement with Caltrans for transfer switches on PCH. He stated Caltrans installed 21 switches at intersections from Topanga Canyon to Trancas Canyon. He stated the City originally bought 10 generators and recently received an additional six generators.

ITEM 2.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Stewart asked why generators were not purchased for all the intersections. Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the City focused on high use intersections and not hybrid pedestrian crossings. Vice Chair Stewart stated Caltrans had indicated the Las Flores/Rambla project could cost \$3 million, \$6 million or \$10 million. Public Works Director DuBoux stated he anticipated the project would be in the medium or lower cost level. Vice Chair Stewart stated his homeowners association approved two Flock cameras a month ago and were still waiting for them. In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated the unofficial homeless count was in the high 80s, which was significantly down from prior counts. She stated the official count would be published in early summer. Vice Chair Stewart stated Alert FM would test its system when the antenna was installed at Malibu Bluffs Park. He announced the temporary impound lot was on the May 9, 2022 City Council agenda. He wished Lieutenant Fender good luck with the Lost Hills Captain appointment.

Commissioner Anneet thanked staff for the homeless report. She stated she noticed more new faces. She stated PCH had more people sleeping overnight between Broad Beach and Trancas Canyon. In response to Mr. Moore, she stated the Commission should be supportive of reducing speed wherever possible. In response to Mr. Embree, she discussed a study by DLR Group that considered multiple juvenile facilities as options. She encouraged everyone to read the report. She stated Camp Kilpatrick was rated highly by the consultants. She expressed concern about fire safety near Camp Kilpatrick. She stated the County Board of Supervisors had determined that CEQA did not apply.

Commissioner Gibbs agreed with Mr. Moore about speeding near the corner of Wildlife Road. He suggested looking at options to reduce speeding.

Ex Officio Member Woodworth expressed interest in seeing the Caltrans plans for Las Flores/Rambla. He requested alternatives be presented to the Commission. He discussed the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) water reduction program. He stated it should be reviewed from a fire danger standpoint.

Chair Frost stated many No Parking signs were missing. He urged everyone to speak up about the Urgency Ordinance at Monday's City Council meeting. He stated residents pushed back about speed humps in Point Dume but were now okay with them. He discussed a trailer blocking Malibu Road that had been moved.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated he would review design ideas for Las Flores/Rambla with the Commission. He discussed plans for speed humps and design limitations about where they could be installed. In response to Chair Frost, he stated staff would contact Caltrans about replacing missing signs on PCH.

Commissioner Gibbs discussed missing signs. He stated it was unfortunate that the City had better records of signage on PCH than Caltrans.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

Item Nos. 5.A. and 5.C. were heard concurrently.

A. 2022 Summer Enforcement Team Proposal

Recommended Action: 1) Review the Sheriff's Department proposal for the 2022 Summer Enforcement Team deployment; and 2) Provide a recommendation to the City Council to approve the proposal as part of the Sheriff's Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

C. Public Safety Agency Activity

Recommended Action: Discuss recent Public Safety Agency activities and receive and file activity reports from the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and Lifeguard Division.

Lieutenant Watters presented the report. He stated Beach Team deployment was reduced from the previous three years. He stated there were fewer Sunday car shows in part due to citations issued with fines and vehicle inspections and repairs. He stated the Lost Hills Station deputies supported Lieutenant Fender as Captain.

Ryan Embree stated he was happy to see value engineering used in developing the plan for the Beach Team. He stated the City had been footing the bill for County and State beaches for a long time. He questioned how long the City could subsidize County and State properties. He stated Beach Team deputies were paid overtime. He suggested the City could hire full-time law enforcement for less.

In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Lieutenant Watters stated there were two community service officers (CSO) and extra supervisors. He explained Beach Team deputies could report to any emergent or priority call in the City. He stated beach enforcement reduced alcohol on the beaches by about 90 percent. He stated

the Sheriff's Department was talking to the County about payment for the summer enforcement but may not have answers before the election of a new supervisor.

In response to Mr. Embree, Vice Chair Stewart stated the City did not pay overtime.

Commissioner Gibbs asked how many beach team deputies had their own car. Lieutenant Watters stated there would be three cars for six deputies. Commissioner Gibbs stated it should be publicized that the deputies can mobilize. Lieutenant Watters stated deputies at pocket beaches also patrolled PCH.

In response to Chair Frost, Lieutenant Watters stated statistics would be presented at the City Council meeting on May 9, 2022.

Vice Chair Stewart requested an update on citing or towing recreational vehicles (RV), especially along Corral Canyon and at the beach. Lieutenant Watters stated people who parked there moved more often.

MOTION Chair Frost moved, and Commissioner Gibbs seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the Sheriff's Department proposal for the 2022 Summer Enforcement Team deployment as part of the Sheriff's Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Anneet moved, and Chair Frost seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.
- B. New Items
 - 1. Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2022 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting
Recommended Action: Approve minutes for the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of April 6, 2022.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS (continued)

B. Draft 2022 Engineering and Traffic Study

Recommended Action: 1) Review the Speed Survey Recommendations from the Draft 2022 Engineering and Traffic Survey to establish speed limits (speed survey); and 2) provide a recommendation to the City Council that it adopt the Speed Survey and direct staff to implement its speed limit recommendations.

Public Works Director DuBoux presented the report. He stated 46 segments were analyzed. He stated speed limits were decreased on 10 segments, and the other 36 segments remained unchanged. He clarified the survey did not include PCH. He reviewed the segments with reduced speed limits. He stated Assembly Bill (AB) 43 would allow the City to set certain speed limits outside the 85th percentile.

Ryan Embree stated speed limits on many of the same streets have been reduced over many years. He stated AB 43 was intended to promote pedestrian safety. He asked which direction of Kanan Dume Road was being reduced to 45 miles per hour (mph). He stated Malibu Canyon Road did not need to be changed. He disagreed with the 25 mph speed limits on streets such as Dume Drive, Merritt Drive or Morning View Drive.

Chair Frost stated the report should be read by anyone interested in traffic safety.

In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the report had to be approved by the City Council with direction to staff about modifying traffic signs.

Chair Frost stated he had no problem with lowering speed limits. He stated it might result in slowing down speeding motorists to the current speed limit.

Ex Officio Member Woodworth discussed the volume of traffic on Malibu Canyon Road. He asked if reducing the speed limit would cause additional congestion.

In response to Ex Officio Member Woodworth, Contract Traffic Engineer Sri Chakravarthy stated the study did not consider congestion. He stated the survey used measurements during non-peak times. He stated it only considered speeds within the Malibu city limits. He stated reducing speed limits from 45 mph to 40 mph was reasonable for the City sections to increase safety.

Commissioner Spiegel stated he spoke with Meril May about the report and signage. He stated there were many missing speed signs. He stated adequate signage was critical. Public Works Director DuBoux stated City staff immediately replaced any reported missing signs. He stated the City also immediately notified Caltrans if the missing signs were on PCH, which is the State's responsibility.

MOTION Vice Chair Stewart moved and Chair Frost seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt the Draft 2022 Engineering and Traffic Survey to establish speed limits, and direct staff to implement its speed limit recommendations. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Frost thanked staff and Contract Traffic Engineer Chakravarthy.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 6:20 p.m., Chair Frost moved, and Commissioner Gibbs seconded a motion to adjourn. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on July 6, 2022.



CHRIS FROST, Chair

ATTEST:


MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant