

MINUTES
CITY OF DUARTE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING DATE –June 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order at
7:04 p.m.

**RECORDATION OF
ATTENDANCE:**

The following were in attendance:
STAFF: Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services

PRESENT: Bell, Calderon, Frye
ABSENT: Oloteo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bell motioned to approve the minutes of 07/20/21; Calderon seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 07/20/21, and the minutes were carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A: Public Safety Update presented by Brian Villalobos

Director Villalobos provided Commissioners with a part one crime statistic overview. He reported that commercial burglaries are up, residential burglaries remain down, robberies and larceny thefts are down, and assaults are slightly up since they are tracked by victim and not the actual crime. One arson was reported on Mel Canyon & Brookridge Rd and is determined to be started by unnatural causes. Approximately 55 acres were burned. He further reported that City Council just approved their last budget and they decided to hire another Code Enforcement officer, which will focus on homeless related issues. This officer will be able to cite the homeless who violate any municipal codes, and this officer will also be able to go after any property/business owners, which are not taking care of their property maintenance issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Leno Parras expressed his concern regarding commercial burglaries. He also shared his concern with Sgt. Fiedler and Brian Villalobos with the amount of patrol cars that remain parked at the Public Safety Office. He would like to see deputies patrol more instead of staying inside the sub-station and writing paperwork. He would also like to see more preventative measures taken by our deputies, such as patrolling our local businesses more often or parking their units in front of these businesses for a few minutes. In closing he would like to see more proactive and preventative measures by Deputies instead of reactive.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff reminded Commissioners that Duarte dog licenses are due by 8/31/22.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bell reported that the Texas school shooting prompted him to investigate the security of all schools within DUSD and he was proud to report that all campuses have a good system in order. He reported that the Superintendent has a key to all schools, and they are readily available to staff. He was also pleased to see that all doors have security latches on them, and he reported that all schools have one main entrance.

Commissioner Calderon commended the fire department for putting out the recent fire so promptly.

Commissioner Frye reported that fireworks have already started going off in her neighborhood. Neighbors have begun to contact Temple Station, but they have not seen deputies arrive after their calls are made. She reported that fireworks start sometime after 9:30 p.m. Due to the amount of palm trees on the street and the number of fireworks being set off she is concerned it's a fire hazard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Staff



Secretary