

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DUARTE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING DATE –May 16, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at  
7:00 p.m.

**RECORDATION OF  
ATTENDANCE:**

The following were in attendance:

STAFF: Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services  
Sgt. Stevin Fiedler, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
Larry Breceda, Public Safety Manager

PRESENT: Bell, Calderon, Frye, Oloteo, Wright

ABSENT: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Oloteo motioned to approve the minutes of 3/21/23; Wright seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 3/21/23, and the minutes were carried unanimously.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

A) Public Safety Update presented by Brian Villalobos and Sgt. Stevin Fiedler

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Director Villalobos informed Commissioners of the new municipal codes that were recently adopted by the City Council that help with homeless enforcement. These new municipal codes deal with trespassing, drinking in public, public nudity, urinating and defecating in public, possession of shopping carts, and fighting in public. To date, these new municipal codes have been highly successful in achieving stay-away orders from city facilities. Director Villalobos also informed Commissioners that city staff are working with the owners of vacant buildings within the city to board and secure them correctly so that homeless individuals cannot loiter or trespass on these vacant properties. Mr. Villalobos reported that Temple Station Captain Reyes has been promoted to Commander. Lieutenant Jorge Meza will take his place as Acting Captain until the position has been filled. Lastly, he reported that City Manager Dan Jordan will be leaving the City of Duarte effective May 31<sup>st</sup>, as he has accepted the City Manager position with the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

Sgt. Fiedler reported that part one crimes are down 22% compared to last year. The only part one crime that remains slightly up is burglaries, which mainly consist of commercial burglaries. Sgt. Fiedler also shared that the Sheriff's Department is introducing a special alert request form that is available to the public. Sheriff's Department staff will enter a special alert in its computer dispatch system, and deputies will receive certain information when responding. By providing this information in advance, you are alerting deputies to the needs of the people in your home who are suspected of having or have been diagnosed with an intellectual, mental, or physical disability, which may help them decide how to best approach and what resources to bring with them. If needed and available, those resources may include a co-response with trained mental health support professionals who specialize in peacefully resolving critical situations.

Once this form is turned in to the Sheriff's Department the resident will be given a sticker that they can place on their property alerting law enforcement that a person with special needs lives at that address. Sgt. Fiedler also invited all Commissioners to attend their upcoming Coffee with the Sheriff's event on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00 am at 7-Eleven located at 1430 Mountain Ave. He also invited them to attend a special meeting focusing on burglary/robbery, cargo thefts, fraud, and theft prevention hosted by Temple Station on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4:00 pm at the Garvey Community Center located at 9108 Garvey Ave., Rosemead, CA.

Public Safety Manager Larry Breceda notified Commissioners that the Duarte Animal Control Department along with Vet Care Services will be hosting a low-cost drive-thru rabies clinic on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00 am at Encanto Park located at 777 Encanto Pkwy. He informed them that this low-cost clinic is open to the public. However, dog license registration is only available to Duarte residents. Mr. Breceda reminded commissioners that all Duarte dog licenses are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Furthermore, Mr. Breceda notified Commissioners that Duarte animal control officers have received an increase in calls for service regarding coyotes. He informed them that animal control officers do not trap coyotes, but practice hazing techniques to remove them from residential neighborhoods.

#### ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bell-None

Commissioner Calderon-None

Commissioner Frye requested a progress update with the ongoing construction at 1307 Bloomdale St.

Commissioner Oloteo inquired if School Resource Deputy Valenzuela still visits the schools, as she has not seen him at Royal Oaks School in quite some time.

Commissioner Wright-None

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Staff



Secretary