

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DUARTE**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING DATE –September 19, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at  
7:09 p.m.

**RECORDATION OF  
ATTENDANCE:**

The following were in attendance:  
STAFF: Larry Breceda, Director of Public Safety Services  
Sgt. Stevin Fiedler, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PRESENT: Bell, Calderon, Frye, Wright  
ABSENT: Oloteo

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Calderon motioned to approve the minutes of 7/18/23; Bell seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 7/18/23, and the minutes were carried unanimously.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

A) Public Safety Commission Update

Mr. Breceda reported that part one crimes have decreased 22.32%, which makes us one of the lowest contract cities at Temple Station when it comes to decreased crime rates. He further reported that the City's Special Assignment Deputies have been focusing a lot on retail establishments doing special operations, looking at their safety protocols, and working with their security teams.

Sgt. Fiedler added that the Duarte Deputies have a great working relationship with security staff at all our local retail stores.

Breceda reported that the Sheriff's Department Fraud & Cyber Crimes Bureau will be conducting a cybercrimes workshop on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Duarte Community Center. He also invited Commissioner's to attend the Duarte City Picnic on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Encanto Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Breceda also provided an update on the city's emergency operations system in dealing with Tropical Storm Hillary. Over 300 sandbags were distributed to residents in the Brookridge and Mel Canyon neighborhoods. The City of Irwindale, City of Azusa, and Army Corps of Engineers, along with the Sheriff's Department HOST Team offered services to homeless individuals in the riverbed. A total of 50 individuals were housed in hotels, and 60 were temporarily housed at Pamela Park.

Sgt. Fiedler reported that they have received complaints that the apartment complex on Buena Vista and Duarte Rd. has had an increased number of homeless individuals congregating near their carport. The complex has now submitted a letter of agency, which allows Deputies to arrest for trespassing.

B) Conduct on City Buildings and Facilities

Mr. Breceda reported that he was tasked by the City Manager's office to look at a new ordinance that addresses curfew violations on city buildings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

An anonymous resident expressed her concern with the numerous abandoned shopping carts that are scattered throughout the city along with the homeless population in town. She suggested that City staff educate local businesses about magnetizing their

shopping carts, which would help eliminate the number of carts throughout the city.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Breceda-None

Sgt. Fiedler-None

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bell: Congratulated Mr. Breceda for his promotion to Director of Public Safety Services. He also inquired from Staff what could legally be done to deter transients from taking shopping carts from our local stores.


Commissioner Calderon: Thanked city staff and deputies for the work they do with the homeless. He believes the city is doing a lot of good work with them and he feels we are moving in the right direction.


Commissioner Frye: Notified staff her church is still struggling with a female, African American homeless woman that continues to gather at her church and leaves her trash behind. She inquired from Staff what the update was with the property on Maynard Drive that recently burnt, and she requested an update on the 1307 Bloomdale property.

Commissioner Wright: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

  
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Staff

  
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Secretary