

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DUARTE**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING DATE –March 19, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at  
7:04 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: Calderon, Frye, Oloteo, Wright  
ABSENT: Bell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Oloteo motioned to approve the minutes of 1/16/24; Wright seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 1/16/24, and the minutes were carried unanimously.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

A) Report back on Public Safety Commission's approval of the City Facilities Ordinance

Mr. Breceda reported that the ordinance was approved unanimously by the City Council, and it will take effect on April 1, 2024.

B) Discussion on Temple Station's Youth Activity League position.

Mr. Breceda reported to staff that the YAL position is a position held by a Deputy sheriff that is posted at Pamela Park working with the youth in numerous roles. This position has served as a good crime deterrent in the neighborhood for several years. It has also been a haven for the youth in the community.

He clarified that this position is not funded by the City of Duarte and is funded by Temple Station and a portion by the County. Currently, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is facing numerous budget restrictions along with position deficits due to staff injuries, retirees, position vacancies, and deputies leaving to other agencies. All these factors have forced Temple Station to make budgetary decisions, one of which has forced them to cut the YAL position at Pamela Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to draft a letter to the Sheriff's Department and the County Board of Supervisors regarding the importance of the YAL position and appeal that they fund the position this fiscal year beginning in July 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oloteo and agreed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Larry Breceda- None

Sgt. Fiedler reported that part one crimes are slightly up. He shared that deputies are still working hard and have doubled their arrests compared to this time last year. Last year's arrest was 44 and this year they have over 80 arrests to date. Deputies continue to work with the community and educate them on how to bring these part-one crimes down. He also reported that the Sheriff's Department is also working with Target and Wal-Mart on undercover operations.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Calderon: None

Commissioner Frye: None


Commissioner Oloteo: None


Commissioner Wright: Expressed how important the YAL position is for the safety of the community especially the youth. Parents have voiced to him the concern the children have that they no longer feel safe attending Pamela Park without the presence of the YAL deputy. He shared this program has helped so many kids in the community turn their lives around and steer them in the right direction for a brighter future.

Mr. Wright also shared that he was recently shocked to learn that the LA County Department of Mental Health does not have a suicide prevention division. He hopes to see a change soon, as he believes it is important to spread education on this topic.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
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Staff

  
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Secretary