

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of Study Session – March 9, 2010

Present: Shayne, Wagner, Prock, Elstob, Roehl, Leinen & Terry
Staff: City Manager Tom Frutchey, Mayor Carmelita Garcia, Chief Darius Engles & Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engineer
Others: Council Member Ken Cuneo, Ms. Inge Daumer
Absent: None

The Traffic Commission meeting was recorded. Recordings are kept at the Police Department for review. Recordings are kept for a period of ninety days following the meeting.

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shayne at 3:02 pm.**
- 2. Discuss the proposed reorganization and renaming of the Traffic Safety Commission to the Public Safety Commission and its possible impacts.**

A brief summary is given of comments made by the Commissioners and others in attendance.

1. The name of the Traffic Safety Commission has been changed to the Public Safety Commission.
2. That the Commission continues what it has been doing.
3. Other issues including sidewalks may be presented to the Commission.
4. In the Commissions discussions, the City's current financial situation should always be considered.
5. This Commission's previous actions and solutions to various concerns have generated its creditability within the Community.
6. This gives the public options to address fire, police, emergency preparedness and other safety issues to the Commission.
7. The concept of incorporating safety services into one agency to serve the seven Cities on the Peninsula.
8. Pacific Grove already contracts with the City of Monterey for fire services and the City of Carmel for traffic enforcement.
9. How will the role of the Commissioners be used in the new areas as noted.
10. The current Commissioner's should proceed cautiously with the new duties.
11. One of the objectives of the proposal is to free up the time of current City staff.
12. This change was never intended to be a Police oversight Commission.
13. At this time nothing specific about the proposal has "been laid on the table".
14. This Commissioner's can do more they "we have the smarts".
15. Do we need any training to participate in these new areas?
16. The Commissioner's would like to see the new charter as approved by Council.
17. The Commission could assist Council in dealing with issues presented at Council meetings.
18. What would be the mechanism to assemble future agendas of the Commission?
19. It was suggested that the Commission could form sub committees to assist in dealing with new issues.
20. We could provide assistance to other Departments in the City.
21. The Commission does not direct City Staff.
22. The Commission when undertaking new tasks should remain focused on the specific issues.
23. Oral Communications at the Council meetings could generate topics for future meetings of the Commission.

24. Chief Engles noted five categories of subjects that would summarize the actions of the Public Safety Commission:

Police Department/Fire Department Projects
Infrastructure Safety
Traffic & Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety
Rec Area Safety
Emergency preparedness

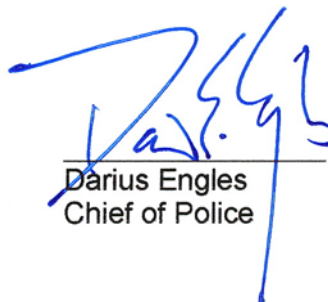
This will be carried over to the April 13th meeting of the Commission for further discussion to determine if any new items or concerns need to be addressed..

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.



Malcolm Knisely
Traffic Engineer



Darius Engles
Chief of Police