



Human Relations Commission

DATE: 2/25/2021 TIME: 6:00-9:16PM

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

A. Ayra	L. Scoggins	K. Barth	J. Rooths	V. Stancil
A. Davis	M. Ahmed	R. Kanatzar	M. Imaku	R. Shirley
E. Bennett				

ABSENT:

M. Mabon (No Prior Notice)	J. McNulty (Prior Notice)	J. Armster (No Prior Notice)		

GUESTS PRESENT:

Philip Falcone- Office of the Mayor, Staff	Lea Deesing – Assistant City Manager	Larry Gonzalez- Riverside Chief of Police	Kristi Smith- Interim City Attorney	Lauren Sanchez- City Attorney’s Office

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 – By Chair Ahmed

1. Public Comment Period:
No comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Vice Chair Kanatzar moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Rooths 2nd. Motion passed 9-0-2 with Commissioners Bennett and Wright abstaining.

Commissioner Imaku entered at 6:21pm

PRESENTATIONS:

3. Interim City Attorney Kristi Smith presented on the Brown Act and Sunshine ordinance. Followed by an in-depth Commissioner question and answer period on topics regarding social media, standing rules, scope of the Commission and the opinion of the City Attorney’s Office that the Item 7 discussion is not within the scope and purview of the



Commission. The Commission disagreed with the City Attorney's advice and proceeded later in the meeting with Item 7.

Commissioner Bennett left at 7:03pm.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR:

4. This item was tabled to the next meeting in the interest of time. Moved by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Wright 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Commission discussed the death of Leroy A. Stephenson following one (1) written public comment letter from Ms. Amy Conger. Previously in the meeting, Interim City Attorney Smith advised that topics such as officer-involved deaths are not under the purview of the Human Relations Commission, rather the sole responsibility of the Community Police Review Commission. Ms. Amy Conger also attended and spoke at the meeting, per the request of the HRC in December 2020 to further explain her submitted letter and questions she had submitted in said letter. No formal action was taken by the Commission following a brief question and answer with Ms. Conger.

COMMUNICATIONS:

6. Staff Update:
A representative from City Attorney's Office, Lauren Sanchez, will attend future meetings to assist the Commission with questions needing counsel. The March meeting will see the election of a new Chair, Vice-Chair, and Parliamentarian. We thank outgoing Commissioners McNulty and Mabon for their years of service.
7. Commissioner Updates: Commissioners provided updates on meetings and events that they attended.
8. Items for future agendas:
Commissioner Ayra requested a presentation from Hope Palacio on her policing policy. Commissioner Ayra also requested that the Commission explore a resolution condemning the recent increase in violence towards Asian Americans. Commissioner Ayra also requested that the Commission receive an update from staff on where the health recommendation for the Community Health Needs Assessment stands to date. Commissioner Rooths requested that the Commission receive an update from staff on where the Trauma Sensitivity Training recommendation stands to date. Commissioner Davis requested that an item be created for the formation of an ad hoc committee to explore ways for act upon Agenda Item 7 moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm