

MARCH 15, 2006

REGULAR MEETING

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in Room 400, City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, at 5:49 p.m., in a Regular Meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Renne, Sparks, Campos, DeJesus, Marshall, Veronese

(Commissioner Veronese arrived at 6:01 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bole Wang discussed concerns regarding medical marijuana.
Percy Coleman discussed concerns regarding medical marijuana.
Carla discussed concerns regarding medical marijuana.
Unidentified discussed concerns regarding medical marijuana.
Shawna Governor discussed concerns regarding medical marijuana.
Barbara Growth asked who is funding the ACLU.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. **Update on significant policing efforts by Department members**
- b. **Report on the Department's responsibilities and jurisdiction with Consulates**

Chief Fong updated the Commission regarding the Academy class that has been postponed. Chief Fong stated the funding for that class of 40 originally was in the 05/06 budget. In the supplemental appropriation that was submitted in February, through the Mayor's Office to the Board, there was the desire to move that class forward so that the sooner the class is started the sooner there will be officers available for deployment in the field. The cost for that as well as the increase of the class from 40 to 50 was in the supplemental budget and because the supplemental has not been heard, the Department had no option but to postpone that class. Chief Fong stated that no offers of employment were made to any members who are eligible and who have gone through the process. Those letters generally go out and it's at that time that they would then resign their positions. Chief Fong stated that there is two options that are out there: The possibility of Supervisor Daly convening a special meeting of the budget and finance committee on Monday so that the supplemental for the Department could be heard and then hopefully advance to the full board. The other option is is it possible to take the amount that would necessary for salaries from another part of the Department's budget and then when the supplemental is approve, return funding to that account.

Commissioner Sparks asked when was the supplemental presented to the Commission. Chief Fong stated that the supplemental had moved forward without the Commission's approval because of the time line that had been set by the Board and the Mayor's Office. Chief Fong stated that it's been about four or five weeks.

Commissioner Sparks expressed her concern about the budget process and asked what should be done to support the Department to convince people on the Board and the Mayor's Office that this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Chief Fong stated that she agrees with Commissioner Sparks and stated that with the support of the Commission, having approved the supplemental as well as the 06/07 budget, she would welcome any support in terms of the Department moving forward with the supplemental as soon as possible.

Commissioner Sparks stated that the Commission should move to authorize the President of the Commission to author a letter to the Mayor and

to the Board of Supervisors encouraging them to move forward as quickly as possible on these requisitions and as quickly as possible on support these new classes and to prioritize staffing with this Department in not only the supplemental but also the 06/07 budget.

City Attorney Molly Stump stated that this is a discussion item and is not an action item on the agenda but the Commission do not need a vote for a letter.

Commissioner Renne stated that the President will send a letter to the Mayor and the Board.

Commissioner DeJesus asked that now that this class is postponed, how quickly can the Department bring the class back when the supplemental is passed. Chief Fong stated the Department is ready to go. The Academy is prepared. All the Department has to do is send the letters out. There are more than 50 candidates already cleared so that if someone changes their mind, there are others that can backfill.

Commissioner Veronese asked how much money the Department is losing by not having the recruits at the Academy. Chief Fong explained that there is currently an academy class in progress and the Department have not sent additional resources to the Academy to support a second class. Chief Fong explained that on a bi-weekly basis the Department is staffing additional resources in the Western Addition, in the Mission, in the Sunnydale, in Hunters Point and that cost approximately \$180,000 to \$200,000 and that funding, if it can be replaced with full time officers, there would be some savings.

Commissioner Marshall asked about a shooting that occurred last night. Chief Fong stated that there was a shooting in the Mission District that resulted in one homicide.

Deputy Chief Tabak stated there was an incident involving four victims, one of which is deceased, one in critical condition, and two will recover from gun shot wounds. Chief Tabak stated that preliminary the Department believes that it was a drug-related incident and that based on the records of the individuals, dispositions on previous arrests and convictions were so light that in any other jurisdictions these people would have been in custody and therefore, one would be alive and the other three would not be victims of gun shot wounds.

Chief Fong introduced Lieutenant Charles Orkes, new Coordinator of Community Policing. Lieutenant Orkes introduced himself and gave a brief bio. He stated that goal is to establish a partnership with all communities based on mutual trust and respect to reduce crimes, solve problems, problematic issues, and to provide services to people in need.

Commissioner Sparks would like a copy of the community policing plan as far as working with the different district stations. Lieutenant Orkes stated that he works with the lieutenants and the captains at each of the district station.

Chief Fong introduced Lieutenant Dan Mahoney, commanding officer of the Special Investigations Division, to report on the Department's responsibilities and jurisdictions with Consulates.

Lieutenant Mahoney report on the Department's responsibilities and jurisdictions with Consulates. Policies and procedures are covered under Department General Order 5.13 and Department Bulletin 05-175 which covers procedures when foreign nationals are arrested. Lieutenant Mahoney gave

some examples of the Department's interaction with Consulates. The Department get notification of arrests of all foreign nationals and his unit works closely with the U.S. Department of State for any type of consulate notification and any follow-up that occurs. His unit does threat assessment on not only San Francisco issues but also on worldwide issues. His unit is also in charge of dignitary security for foreign heads of state working with the State Department and with the U.S. Secret Service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Leroy does not believe that more police will solve the crime and stated that there are too many police already and that the solution is community policing.

Barbara discussed concerns regarding comments of the previous speaker about having too many police officers.

Frank Martin Del Campo thanked Commissioner Veronese for his comments in regards to family members of victims of crime.

OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Review of Recent Activities

Director Allen gave a brief update in regards to outreach to the Bayview community. He stated that an OCC investigator will be on site every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bayview Hunters Point Family Resource Center, 1325 Evans Avenue.

Commissioner Sparks asked about the OCC budget. Director Allen stated the budget was sent on the date that they were due and they have not heard from the Mayor's budget analyst.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PRIORITIZE ITEMS REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Renne went through some of the items requested by the Commission:

1. Issue of Community Policing toward the end of April.
2. Early Warning System to be scheduled in April.
3. Recruitment and training issues and retention.
4. Patrol Specials will be on the calendar for next week.
5. Commissioner Sparks' resolution for next week
6. Commissioner Veronese's general order proposals

Commissioner Marshall asked the Commission to agree on several items that the Commission wants to move on and if the Commission can pick several items that are priority and leave room for things that arise, he thinks that a lot more will be done. Commissioner Marshall stated that any of the Commissioners can ask for a report but just be mindful that every time the Commission ask for something, something else is added to the list when something else has not yet been done.

Commissioner Veronese stated that he will work on the DGO committee along with Commissioner DeJesus.

Commissioner Sparks stated that there are about 105 issues that have not been addressed and in addition, some of the issues have been addressed but have not been resolved. Commissioner Sparks asked that staffing be heard.

Commissioner DeJesus stated that the Commission needs to move

forward on the general orders in terms of reviewing and updating. She asked to take one Commission meeting and make it a committee meeting to review the bulletins and general orders. Commissioner DeJesus asked for the Department's policy and procedures in response to individuals suffering from mental health and a presentation from the District Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Marshall stated that the Early Intervention System is significant because it deals with quality along with staffing. Commissioner Marshall stated that the Commission has to work on the quality issues specially if the Department is hiring more officers.

Commissioner Renne stated that discipline cases will continue to be dealt with as well and she will speak with each of the Commissioners in regards to items mentioned.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2006

Motion by Commissioner DeJesus, second by Commissioner Marshall to approve the minutes. Approved 6-0.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Assignment of disciplinary charges filed in Case No. C06-039 JCT to an individual Commissioner for the taking of evidence on a date to be determined by the Commissioner** (Assigned to Commissioner Veronese, Resolution No. 26-06)

SCHEDULING OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Sparks would like, under the Chief's Report, as to the Department's position on enforcement of medical marijuana.

Commissioner Veronese asked for an update as to the appointment of a Commissioner as a replacement for Commissioner Chan.

Commissioner Renne stated that there have been efforts to have people agree to be on the Commission and so far there have been no takers.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, second by Commissioner DeJesus to adjourn the meeting. Approved 6-0.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Sergeant Joseph Reilly
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission