

MINUTES
Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
997 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

Present: Ruth Grimes, Victoria Legg, Robert Golomb, Gradiva Couzin, Bob Flasher, Paul Degenkolb, Sarah Jones, Daniel Griffin

Absent:

Staff: Khin Chin, David Brannigan

Public: Mark Gilligan, Tracy Rosenberg; Jette Winckler-Jensen, Brian Hofer, Tessa D’Arcangelew

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

P. Degenkolb called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by acclamation.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services Staff Report
3/18 Berkeley Emergency Prep Fair

Two promotions happened this month. Apparatus Operator Levon Thaxton was promoted from FF Paramedic. Keith May was promoted to Assistant Chief of Special Operations. Commissioner Legg was on the interview panel.

T1 Community meetings were held on 3/18. There are two more of these meetings. 3/25 and 4/8.

A person got stuck in the mudflats which required a rope rescue on the Albany Bulb

March 4, there was a protest of a pro-Trump and a counter protest. There were no fires. There were several medical calls associated with this protest.

Engine 7, 4, and 3 were replaced with shorter engines with better turning radii. A new hazardous materials rig will go into service in April.

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of February 22, 2017*

Motion approve minutes as submitted: R.Flasher

Second: R. Grimes

Vote: (8 Ayes: Grimes, Golomb, Legg, Flasher, Jones, Degenkolb, Couzin, Griffin; 0 Noe; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain)

Action Items

3. Measure GG Expenditure and Budget*
4. Surveillance and Community Safety Ordinance*

Public Comment: Tracy Rosenberg from Oakland Privacy. County administrative personnel estimate for countywide = \$6,000-\$10,000 per year for financial and fiscal impact.

Tessa D'arcangelew ACLU of Northern California. Encourage Berkeley to move forward as other cities are looking towards Berkeley as an example.

Brian Hofer, recommends adoption of Commissioner Griffin's proposal.

Motion to support the adoption of the proposed Surveillance and Community Safety Ordinance conditioned upon consideration by the City Council of information from:

- (a) A legal review to identify surveillance technology that is currently owned or used by city departments
- (b) An estimate by the City Manager of the administrative burden (including both fiscal and time-based costs) created by this ordinance on city departments, Commissions, and the City Council and mitigation of excessive burdens.

Second: R. Flasher

Vote: (2 Ayes: Flasher, Griffin; 3 Noe: Couzin, Degenkolb, Legg; 0 Absent; 3 Abstain: Jones, Golomb, Grimes)

Motion failed.

Motion to recommend that City Council direct the City Manager to assess the administrative impact of the proposed Surveillance and Community Safety Ordinance that is currently in draft form. This assessment should include (a) a legal review to identify surveillance technology that is currently owned or used by city departments and (b) an estimate by the City Manager of the administrative burden (including both fiscal and time-based costs) created by this ordinance on city departments, Commissions, and the City Council: G. Couzin

Second: R. Grimes

Vote: (7 Ayes: Flasher, Jones, Golomb, Legg, Degenkolb, Couzin, Grimes; 1 Noe: Griffin; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain)

5. Utilities Undergrounding

Discussion Items

6. Oakland Ghost Ship Warehouse Fire

R. Grimes left at 8:55p

7. Annual Commission Work Plan
8. Update to Fire Safety in the Hills Fire Area
9. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: S. Jones

Second: R. Flasher

Vote: (8 Ayes: Grimes, Golomb, Legg, Flasher, Jones, Degenkolb, Couzin, Griffin,; 0 Noe;; 0 Absent;; 0 Abstain:)

Adjourned at 9:14 pm