REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2000

The Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 146, Parker Center, Los Angeles. On calling the roll, the following members responded: Commissioners Boeckmann, Chaleff, de la Rocha, Hansell and Jackson. President Chaleff presiding.

PRESENT: Bernard C. Parks, Chief of Police

Debra Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney

Joseph A. Gunn, Executive Director Police Commission

Lupe Ortiz, Commission Executive Assistant Susan Hassett-Curran, Hearing Reporter Officer Durrell, Sergeant-At-Arms

1. MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hansell, seconded by Commissioner de la Rocha, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 14 and 21, 2000 were APPROVED and the reading dispensed with, subject to signing by the Presiding Officer and the Secretary, by unanimous vote.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Jackson introduced Chanel Ortiz, who was here as part of BringYour Daughters to Work Day.

3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Parks gave an update relative to crimes.

4. CHIEF OF POLICE RECOMMENDS FOR BOARD ACTION

4-A. Parade - Our Lady Queen of Angels Church

Retroactive approval of the permit application of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church for a parade held Friday, April 21, 2000, which took place in Central Area, subject to conditions set forth.

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On motion of Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner de la Rocha, the recommendation of the Chief was APPROVED, by unanimous vote.

4-B. Variance - Psomas

Approval of the permit application of Psomas for a variance to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.40 for nighttime construction from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, beginning as soon as the variance is granted and ending December 31, 2000, at the worksite located at Lincoln Boulevard from Hughes Parkway to Culver Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard from Lincoln Boulevard to McConnel Avenue, as set forth.

On motion of Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner de la Rocha, the recommendation of the Chief was APPROVED, by unanimous vote.

4-C. <u>Donation - Educational and Promotional Materials</u>

Approval and transmittal to the Mayor and City Council of request to accept educational and promotional materials donated by D.A.R.E. America for use by D.A.R.E. Division, as set forth.

On motion of Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner de la Rocha, the recommendation of the Chief was APPROVED, by unanimous vote.

4-D. Proposal - 877 ASK-LAPD

Appearances: Roger Ham, Chief Information Officer Lieutenant Dan Keefe

Approval and transmittal to the City Council of: 1) proposal for a public education program to promote the proper use of the 9-1-1 emergency system and the new police non-emergency phone number 877 ASK-LAPD, 2) authorize the Chief of Police to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing Personal Services Contract, Agreement No. 99090, with Deen and Black Public Relations, 3) provide funding in the amount of \$412,000 to Department Fund No. 100/70, Contractual Services Account No. 3040, as set forth.

In response to questions from Commissioner Hansell, Lieutenant Keefe said that the Department looked at comparable public relations campaigns to determine if this was an effective tool. He indicated that they had information on the most effective medium of communication used to educate the public.

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In reply to a question from Commissioner Jackson, Lieutenant Keefe said that the Department was provided with statistics and demographic information to the Contractor so that the outreach is most effective.

Discussion as to when the Department is expected to begin utilizing 3-1-1 and whether existing staff was sufficient to handle the influx of calls ensued.

On motion of Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner de la Rocha, the recommendation of the Chief was APPROVED, on the following vote:

AYES:

Commissioners Chaleff, Jackson, Boeckmann and de la Rocha

NAYS:

Commissioner Hansell

5. MISCELLANEOUS

5-A. CONTINUED FROM 4/4/00

Proposed Ordinance - Amend Section 52.34

Appearances: Detective Dan DeBellis, Commission Investigation Division

Joe Germain, Citizen Gary Bradley, Citizen Randall Ely, Citizen Ted Neubauer, Citizen

Discussion and consideration of: 1) proposed ordinance amending Section 52.34 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code related to the regulation of Private Security Services and 2) Board Rules and Regulations governing Private Patrol Services.

Deputy City Attorney Debra Gonzalez issued a three-page document to the Commissioners, which contained revisions that were not included in the document they had previously received.

In reply to questions from Commissioner Jackson, Mr. Gunn indicated that staff endorsed the proposed ordinance and that they did not want to be responsible for handling complaints instead they would refer the complaint to the State.

Messrs. Germain, Bradley and Ely commented on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Neubauer commented on a situation he encountered with a private patrol officer.

The Board discussed and made further amendments to the proposed ordinance.

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On motion of Commissioner Hansell, seconded by Commissioner de la Rocha, the proposed ordinance as amended was APPROVED, by unanimous vote.

5-B. CONTINUED FROM 2/15/00 Gun Buy Back Program

Appearances: Detective Muldorfer

Discussion and consideration of gun violence and the Commission's request for a feasibility study on the gun buy back program.

Detective Muldorfer said that there was protocol in place to deal with the gun buy back programs, which is in the approval stages. He then gave an overview of the buy back program that was held in Pacific Area.

Commissioner Chaleff requested that Detective Muldorfer provide the Board with a copy of the operational order.

This item was CONTINUED for two weeks.

5-C. CONTINUED FROM 2/01/00

Draft Ordinances - Amending L.A.M.C. Section 57.55.01 and 55.12

Appearances: Captain Bill Fierro
Detective Muldorfer
Assistant City Attorney Henry Morris

Discussion and consideration of: 1) draft ordinance amending L.A.M.C. Section 57.55.01 to prohibit the advertising for sale of any fireworks and 2) draft ordinance adding Section 55.12 to the L.A.M.C. to prohibit the sale of armor-piercing ammunition.

Mr. Morris gave an overview of both draft ordinances. Discussion of the draft ordinance dealing with armor-piercing ammunition as it relates to preemption, roster of ammunition, etc. ensued. Detective Muldorfer indicated that the Department did not want the roster of ammunition released (Subsection C).

In reply to a question from Commissioner Hansell, Mr. Gunn said that CID will not be involved in enforcement efforts – the Gun Unit will handle this aspect.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the draft ordinance adding Section 55.12 to the L.A.M.C. to prohibit the sale of armor-piercing ammunition, with the amendment that the

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roster of ammunition not be released, seconded by Commissioner Hansell and APPROVED on the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Jackson, Hansell and Chaleff NAYS: Commissioners Boeckmann and de la Rocha

On motion of Commissioner de la Rocha, seconded by Commissioner Boeckmann, the drat ordinance amending L.A.M.C. Section 57.55.01 to prohibit the advertising for sale of any fireworks was APPROVED, by unanimous vote.

6. SECRETARY SUBMITS FOR BOARD INFORMATION

6-A. Personnel Items

Personnel items on file, as submitted on reports for the period ending April 21, 2000.

The reports were RECEIVED AND FILED.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7-A. Ozie Hunt

Mr. Hunt commented on the make-up of the Board of Inquiry.

7-B. Tracy Rice

Ms. Rice commented on the composition of the Board of Inquiry.

8. CLOSED SESSION

8-A. Personnel Matter

Discussion with the Chief of Police and the Inspector General regarding personnel matters. Government Code Section 54957.

The Board discussed the above-entitled matter.