

# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes

October 17th, 2023 7:03 PM – 9:13 PM

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### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER 7:03pm

1.1 Flag Salute by Sheriff Williams.

1.2 Councilmember Wong called role.

Attending – Victoria Knapp, Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Chris O'Malley, Dorothy Wong, Veronica Jones, Pat Sutherlen, Doug Colliflower, Billy Malone, Reginald Wilkins, and Sylvia Vega. Councilmembers Connor Cipolla, Diane Marcussen, Rod Bryce, Alan Peck were excused. Moved forward with a quorum.

1.3 Vice Chair Victoria Knapp made motion to approve October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting agenda as submitted. Approved Unanimously.

### 2.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chair Veronica Jones yielded her time in the interest of time.

2.2 Vice Chair Victoria Knapp yielded her time in the interest of time

2.3 Recording Secretary Nic Arnzen motioned to approve September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as submitted. No objections.

2.4 Treasurer Chris O'Malley gave July report. Started with \$1811.43 one deposit of \$99.99 and withdrawals totaling \$539.95. Ended month with balance of \$1371.47.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary Wong made special announcements that can be seen on the ATC website. They included October and November events and encouraged community members to send information of other upcoming events.

### 3.0 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Williams reported aggravated assaults down 8%, property crimes down less than 1% (.53%), residential burglaries down 23%, vehicle thefts down 25%, petty thefts are up significantly. Grand Theft Autos down 9%.

Incidents of notice- Vandalism of 7 vehicles at Cobb Estate on one day. Surveillance footage produced an arrest the next day.

Altercation near Lincoln and Woodbury sent one subject to hospital and other one is dead. Under investigation.

October marks Captain Williams 2 years at the Sheriff Station as Captain.

Councilmember Arnzen asked for any updates to the DOJ Charles Townes investigation. There were no updates.

Chair Jones asked if Sheriff Luna will be coming to speak to the Council and Community. The Sheriff said it is on his radar and he will remind him.

3.2 California Highway Patrol Report by Officer Bay and Officer Keller. September had 24 reported traffic crash incidents that included; 3 property damage only collisions, 13 traffic collisions with injury (one was vehicle vs. bicycle), 4 DUI, and 4 hit and run incidents.

3.3 LA County Fire Chief Sprengel reported and introduced Battalion Chief Denerson. Chief Sprengel reported 335 responses in September, 263 medical calls, 216 patients transported. No fires reported. 2 incidents of power lines down/hazardous conditions. 10 traffic accidents reported. Gave safety tips for Halloween. Reviewed CERT/Genasys Protect meeting in Altadena the week prior. 120 Radios were handed out and more opportunities coming up. Deb Halberstadt reported on that meeting. Deb thanked Councilmember Wong and County fire Spokesperson Maria Grycan for helping with a great turnout.

#### **4.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 PUSD Interim Superintendent Dr. Blanco presented 100 day plan.

#### **5.0 COMMUNITY REPORTS**

5.1 Chris Sheppard from Dept. of Public Works and Michelle Newsom from UWS gave updates on price increase and continued bear cart rollout as well as other concerns.

5.2 Parks and Rec representative Guillermo Portillo reported on upcoming events.

5.3 Nikki Winslow reported on activities at the Altadena Libraries.

#### **6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.2 Election Committee Chair Veronica Jones gave dates for upcoming Town Council Election and announced the candidates who then gave statements. Information and statements can be found on Altadena Town Council website.

6.3 Communication Committee Chair Nic Arnzen yielded time due to the late hour.

6.4 Safe Streets report by Chair Dorothy Wong. Meetings are always 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

#### **7.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin Singleton spoke on Public Works Street light changes, no parking signs up for street sweeping, and trash issues that were already discussed.

Karen Gibson gave information on the upcoming NBBA Candidate Forum.

#### **8.0 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**

8.1 **4610** Chair Jones reported on the new stop signs coming in at Figueroa and Windsor.

#### **9.0 ADJOURNMENT 9:13pm**

