

ITEM 7A

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022



The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Waymond Fermon, City of Indio, at 9:02 a.m. via Zoom videoconference, pursuant to AB 361 and the guidelines for virtual meetings.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	John Preckwinkle III
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Roger Nuñez
City of Indio	Mayor Waymond Fermon, Chair
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Iris Smotrich
City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto, Vice Chair
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Karina Quintanilla
County of Riverside	Pat Cooper, Deputy Chief of Staff <i>(Arrived during Item 3)</i>

Ex-Officio Members Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Robert Bradbury, Emergency Services Manager
Cathedral City Fire	Chief John Muhr
Cathedral City Police	Chief George Crum
Desert Hot Springs Police	Chief Jim Henson
City of Indio Police	Chief Mike Washburn
Palm Desert Sheriff's Substation	Captain Dean Agnoletto
City of Palm Springs Fire	Chief J. Kevin Nalder
Riverside County Probation	Cristina Castro
Riverside County Sheriff	Lt. David Wright
California Highway Patrol	Commander Dennis Woodbury
Thermal Sheriff Station	Captain Michael Bianco

Members & Ex-Officios Not Present

City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Greg Sanders
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Roger Nuñez
U.S. Customs and Border Patrol	Assistant Chief Patrol Agent David Kim
City of Palm Springs Police	Chief Andrew Mills
Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	Sheriff Chad Bianco
District Attorney's Office	Michael Hestrin
Riverside County Fire	Deputy Chief Robert Fish

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fermon led the Public Safety Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Fermon asked for a moment of silence and announced the names of the five Marines who were killed in a military plane crash on June 8, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner commented on the recent March For Our Lives rally against gun violence, which was held in Palm Springs on June 11th.

Councilmember John Peña announced a presentation that will be provided to the City Council of La Quinta on gun safety and suggested a presentation be given at a future Public Safety Committee meeting.

Councilmember Karina Quintanilla provided additional information on the March For Our Lives rally that she attended and recognized Mayor Pro Tem Garner and her mother for their contributions to the event and thanked staff and Committee members for the added amended wording for the May 9, 2022 meeting minutes.

Councilmember Iris Smotrich provided her thoughts on the lack of security officers on campus in the Palm Springs Unified School District. In response to Councilmember Smotrich's comments, Councilmember Quintanilla provided an alternative view to having armed officers on school campuses.

Mayor Waymond Fermon requested a presentation on gun violence and preparedness be brought back to the committee in the near future.

Pat Cooper, Riverside County Deputy Chief of Staff, announced that the County budget hearings were taking place today starting at 9:30 a.m.

A. Groundbreaking of Indio's Public Safety Campus

Mayor Fermon gave a presentation on the new Indio Public Safety Campus.

6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS

Chief Washburn shared his thoughts on the need for the new public safety campus and indicated that Desert Sands Unified School District does contract with Riverside County Sheriff's department for school campus security.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PENA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND TO APPROVE ITEM 7A WITH THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE INDICATING COUNCILMEMBER QUINTANILLA REQUESTED STAFF EXPLORE AN ORDINANCE TO LIMIT OR PROHIBIT THE SALE OF MYLAR BALLOONS

A. Approve the May 9, 2022 Public Safety Committee Minutes

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember John Preckwinkle	AYE
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	AYE
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto	AYE
Councilmember Roger Nuñez	ABSENT
Councilmember Greg Sanders	ABSENT
Mayor Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Councilmember Karina Quintanilla	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner	AYE
Councilmember Iris Smotrich	AYE
Deputy Chief of Staff Pat Cooper	AYE

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. CVAG Representative on Riverside County's Emergency Medical Care Committee – Erica Felci

Ms. Felci provided the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PENA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND TO NOMINATE COACHELLA CITY MANAGER GABRIEL MARTIN TO SERVE AS CVAG'S REPRESENTATIVE ON RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM THAT ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2025

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember John Preckwinkle	AYE
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	AYE
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto	AYE
Councilmember Roger Nuñez	ABSENT
Councilmember Greg Sanders	ABSENT
Mayor Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Councilmember Karina Quintanilla	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner	AYE
Councilmember Iris Smotrich	AYE
Deputy Chief of Staff Pat Cooper	AYE

B. Public Safety Concerns Related to Mylar Balloons – Erica Felci

Ms. Felci introduced Antonio Ortega from Imperial Irrigation District (IID) who provided a detailed presentation on the public safety dangers that Mylar balloons cause with power lines.

A robust discussion ensued, with members requesting IID and Southern California Edison conduct a public awareness campaign on the safety concerns caused by these balloons and discussion of state legislation.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMOTRICH TO RECOMMEND TO THE CVAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT CVAG SUBMIT OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 847 REGARDING ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE BALLOONS

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember John Preckwinkle	AYE
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	AYE
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto	AYE
Councilmember Roger Nuñez	ABSENT
Councilmember Greg Sanders	ABSENT
Mayor Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Councilmember Karina Quintanilla	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner	AYE
Councilmember Iris Smotrich	AYE
Deputy Chief of Staff Pat Cooper	AYE

- C. Riverside County’s Coordinated Response to Asylum Seekers** – Bruce Barton, Director of Riverside County’s Emergency Management Department

Mr. Barton provided an update on the County’s plans and coordinated services provided to asylum seekers.

9. INFORMATION – The following items were provided for information only:

- A. Attendance Record**

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Upcoming Meetings:

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 9 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

12. ADJOURN

Chair Fermon adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
Executive Assistant/Clerk