

ITEM 7A

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes November 18, 2024



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. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, in the City of Palm Desert. Videoconferencing was available from the City of Riverside.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella**
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians*

Councilmember Raymond Gregory, *Vice Chair*
Councilmember Frank Figueroa
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye
Councilmember Waymond Fermon, *Chair*
Councilmember John Peña
Mayor Karina Quintanilla
Councilmember Grace Garner
Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
Deputy Chief of Staff Pat Cooper
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

*Arrived at item 4

** Arrived at item 8A

Ex-Officio Members Present

Cathedral City Police
Cathedral City Fire
Indio Police Department
District Attorney's Office

Commander Rick Sanchez
Battalion Chief Stephen Tumir
Chief Brian Tully
Asst DA Rodney Tethal/Sr Investigator Jason Polanco

Members & Ex-Officios Not Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Blythe
City of Indian Wells
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
California Highway Patrol
Desert Hot Springs Police
Palm Desert Sheriff's Substation
Palm Springs Fire
Palm Springs Police
Riverside County Fire
Riverside County Probation
Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Tribal Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman
Emergency Services Manager Robert Bradbury
Captain David Efferson/Sergeant Eric Peña
Chief of Police Jim Henson
Dean Agnoletto, Captain
Fire Chief Paul Alvarado
Chief Andrew Mills
Deputy Chief Robert Fish
Chief Probation Officer Ron Miller
Sheriff Chad Bianco

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Indio Police Chief Brian Tully led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci welcomed Desert Hot Springs Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye to the committee.

Councilmember Raymond Gregory announced the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Awards will be held Wednesday, November 20th at Agua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage. Councilmember Gregory also announced the Sheriff Department is having their Blue Light Ceremony on Monday, December 16th at the Rancho Mirage Public Library.

Tribal Vice Chair Mirelez announced the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians will be having a fiesta on December 7th at noon and it is open to the public.

Chair Fermon commended all first responders for their part in ensuring they are keeping families safe during the events and construction going on across the valley. Mr. Fermon also suggested a future agenda item regarding safety on CV Link.

6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS

Commander Rick Sanchez from Cathedral City Police Department announced the City of Cathedral City will be hosting their annual International Ballon Festival this weekend and their headline performer on Saturday evening is LeAnn Rimes.

Chief Tully announced the City of Indio will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new Public Safety Campus on Wednesday, November 20 at 9 a.m.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024, meeting of the Public Safety Committee

B. Approve the minutes from the September 18, 2024, joint meeting of the Homelessness and Public Safety Committee

C. Adopt CVAG's Legislative Platform for the next two-year legislative cycle

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PEÑA AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES, 4 MEMBERS ABSENT AND 1 ABSTENTION

Councilmember John Preckwinkle	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	AYE
Councilmember Frank Figueroa	ABSENT
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye	ABSTAIN
Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman	ABSENT
Councilmember Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Karina Quintanilla	AYE
Councilmember Grace Garner	AYE
Councilmember Lynn Mallotto	AYE
Deputy Chief of Staff Pat Cooper	AYE
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez	AYE

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation: Riverside County Child Exploitation Team (RCCET)

Riverside County District Attorney's Office Senior Investigator Jason Polanco provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the RCCET team and their duties. He was joined by K9 officer Solo.

A lengthy member discussion ensued with Senior Investigator Polanco answering questions from the committee.

No vote was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Local approaches to addressing street racing

Indio Chief of Police Brian Tully introduced Lieutenant Anderw Leyva who provided an update on tactics being used to address street racing.

Brief member discussion ensued. No action was taken as this was an informational item only.

C. Good Neighbor Policy for Homelessness Coordination

Ms. Felci presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued. Councilmembers requesting clarifying language be added to the drafted policy before it was provided to the Executive Committee for adoption to address whether this was an encouragement or setting a new requirement.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR QUINTANILLA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO TO PROVIDE DIRECTION OF ADDING CLARIFYING LANGUAGE ON A MODEL RESOLUTION THAT REINFORCES THE COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL

**HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS AND ESTABLISHES A GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY
AMONG CVAG MEMBER JURISDICTIONS**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES and 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember John Preckwinkle	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	AYE
Councilmember Frank Figueroa	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman	ABSENT
Councilmember Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Karina Quintanilla	AYE
Councilmember Grace Garner	AYE
Councilmember Lynn Mallotto	AYE
Deputy Chief of Staff Pat Cooper	AYE
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez	AYE

D. Election of Public Safety Committee Officers

Mr. Kirk opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Fermon nominated Vice Chair Gregory to become Chair.

Vice Chair Gregory nominated Chair Fermon to become Vice Chair.

Mayor Quintanilla nominated Chair Fermon to remain as chair.

No other nominations were received.

The floor was opened for a second to be made to any motions for nominations received. Tribal Vice Chair Mirelez seconded the nominations by Chair Fermon and Vice Chair Gregory.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR FERMON AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR
MIRELEZ FOR VICE CHAIR GREGORY TO BECOME CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR GREGORY AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR
MIRELEZ FOR CHAIR FERMON TO BECOME VICE CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES and 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember John Preckwinkle	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	AYE
Councilmember Frank Figueroa	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman	ABSENT
Councilmember Waymond Fermon	AYE

Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Karina Quintanilla	AYE
Councilmember Grace Garner	AYE
Councilmember Lynn Mallotto	AYE
Deputy Chief of Staff Pat Cooper	AYE
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez	AYE

9. INFORMATION – The following item was provided for information only:

A. Attendance Record

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fermon adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst