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**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AGENDA
Tuesday, February 23, 2010
2:30 PM**

WORKSHOPS

HEARINGS

OPENING

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 9, 2010

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

FEBRUARY 9, 2010

The Housing Development Commission meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Chairperson Pro-Tem Yvonne Arceneaux. The Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chairperson Pro-Tem Yvonne Arceneaux.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Calhoun, Dobson, Jones, Arceneaux

Board Members Absent: Perrodin

Other Officials Present: C. Cornwell, A. Godwin, C. Evans

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lynn Boone, Compton resident, felt the Commission was apathetic towards the safety of the citizens. Ms. Boone also commented on the services provided by the city's law enforcement agency.

Joyce Kelly, Compton resident, felt the housing needs of the Compton community were being neglected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 26, 2010

On motion by Dobson, seconded by Jones, the minutes were approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Board Members - Calhoun, Dobson, Jones, Arceneaux

NOES: Board Members - None

ABSENT: Board Members - Perrodin

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no New Business.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Calhoun explained that she was not a member of this Body during the establishment of the Sheriff's Department, therefore, she requested the total number of deputies contracted to the city.

Charles Evans, Executive Secretary, stated that there are approximately 76 deputies contracted to the City of Compton.

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Commissioner Calhoun questioned if there are any specialty taskforces assigned to the city. Mr. Evans replied affirmatively.

Commissioner Calhoun also questioned if the city regularly meets with the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Evans stated that the city meets with the Sheriff's Department every Monday morning at 11 a.m., in which they discuss all issues related to law enforcement.

Commissioner Calhoun requested the number of police officers patrolling the city under the Compton Police Department. Mr. Evans affirmed that the city had approximately 137 officers.

Commissioner Calhoun asked Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux if the contract negotiations between the city and the Sheriff's Department, included a certain number of Sheriff's deputies to be assigned to the city.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux stated that the number of deputies assigned to the city was never a part of the contract. Ms. Arceneaux added that she was under the impression that management personnel were to be included in the number of Sheriff's deputies working in the City of Compton.

Commissioner Calhoun requested the city's budget for law enforcement services for the Compton Police Department in contrast to the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Evans explained that the city's budget for the Compton Police Department was approximately eleven million dollars with the city receiving supplementary funding from other sources, however the budget for the Sheriff's Department is approximately sixteen million dollars.

Commissioner Calhoun stated that this Body has received several calls "for" and "against" the actions of the Sheriff's Department, however Ms. Calhoun affirmed that this Body is definitely concerned with the safety and the well-being of the residents.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux stated that she has received a number of phone calls from the community concerning the Sheriff's response to burglar alarms and asked that the rumors of the city being used as a training operations area be addressed.

Sergeant Octave, Sergeant of Community Relations, maintained that the City of Compton is not being used for training operations. Mr. Octave indicated that newly recruited deputies that are assigned to contract cities are assigned to a specific training officer until their six month program is complete.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux asked if the city could request a regime of seasoned deputies under the city's contract. Mr. Octave stated that the probability of that request being fulfilled is unlikely.

Mr. Octave reiterated that training deputies are never on patrol without a field deputy.

Commissioner Dobson expressed a concern for the reason why unsuspecting Compton residents are stopped on a daily basis. Mr. Octave maintained that the Sheriff's Department encourages pro-active police work among their deputies.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux mentioned that she receives just as many good reports, as she does bad reports concerning the conduct of the Sheriff's Department.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dobson, seconded by Calhoun, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Board Members - Calhoun, Dobson, Jones, Arceneaux

NOES: Board Members - None

ABSENT: Board Members - Perrodin

Clerk of the Housing Development Commission

Chairman of the Housing Development Commission

