

CENTRAL MARIN POLICE COUNCIL

HELD AT
CENTRAL MARIN POLICE AUTHORITY BUILDING
250 DOHERTY DRIVE
LARKSPUR, CA 94939
ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018
AT 6:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

The Central Marin Police Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Wright.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Wright, Chair/Council Member, Town of San Anselmo
Bob Ravasio, Council Member, Town of Corte Madera
Sloan Bailey, Council Member, Town of Corte Madera
Ann Morrison, Chair/Council Member, City of Larkspur
Larry Chu, Council Member, City of Larkspur

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ford Greene, Council Member, Town of San Anselmo

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Cusimano, Corte Madera Town Manager
Dan Schwarz, Larkspur City Manager
Dave Donery, San Anselmo Town Manager
Michael Norton, Chief of Police
Tom Bertrand, CMPA Police Council Attorney
Zaneta Feleo, Police Council Clerk

STAFF ABSENT:

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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PRESENTATION

A. Lifesaving Award

Police Chief Norton described the increase in use of opioids and fentanyl, stated CMPA held a drug takeback day and received the largest amount ever of 347 pounds of prescription drugs. Because of the opioids and fentanyl crisis, officers received a narc pens which reverses drug overdoses as well as their own narc pens due to officer safety issues. There have been many types of lifesaving awards and the two officers today are being awarded because they saved someone’s life on August 22, 2018 using a narc pen from an overdose, which he briefly described.

He then presented a lifesaving award to Sgt. Robert French and Officer Joseph Lee, and a round of applause followed.

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Chair Wright asked if any members of the public would like to address the Council, and there were no speakers.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Ravasio stated he was glad to be back and in better health.

Chair Wright recognized the need for the narc pens and thanked Chief Norton for being proactive and recognized staff and officers for their work at the recent Goblin’s Parade in San Anselmo.

B. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

a. Social Host Ordinance Update

Town Manager Todd Cusimano reported that on January 2nd Corte Madera will hold its first public hearing and request amendments to the Social Host Ordinance, which he briefly described. He encouraged CMPA members to stay consistent with the ordinance.

Chief Norton stated staff has seen a reduction of violations of the ordinance but was not sure why and he noted that both high schools address overall wellness issues with students.

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Public Comments:

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91 Linda Henn, Project Coordinator, Coalition for Healthy Youth, strongly encouraged all of the
92 ammunition police can use, noting there is a strong problem in the county.

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94 **C. CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

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96 Chief Norton announced that Mental Health Month will be November and officers will be
97 growing facial hair and wearing blue mustache pins on uniforms with fundraising efforts. They
98 held Women's Health Month last month and they raised twice as much as last year which will
99 be given to a local charity. Lastly, he said San Anselmo becomes a large trick or treating venue
100 mainly for small children the night prior to Halloween with the Goblin's Parade. Approximately
101 7 officers were present and dressed up, handed out candy and met with the public.

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103 Council Member Morrison stated she received a phone call from Drake Perry and she said a
104 friend received a phone call stating her daughter was kidnapped.

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106 Chief Norton stated police put out a Nixel and Next Door alert to notify the public a couple of
107 weeks ago and this turned out to be a scam. The situation gets pretty graphic and believable
108 and parents usually contact the police and school, and this sort of scam is going on everywhere.

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110 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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112 **A. Approval of Minutes: August 2, 2018.**
113 **B. Acknowledge Central Marin Police Authority's Warrant List – July 1, 2018 to**
114 **September 30, 2018.**
115 **C. Acknowledge staff report regarding Insurance Fund activity – July 1, 2018 to**
116 **September 30, 2018.**
117 **D. Resolution 2018/16 – Authorizing Management Committee to Execute**
118 **Amendments to the Outline of Salaries and Benefits for Management**
119 **E. Award of Professional Audit Services**
120 **F. Resolution 2018/17 – Adopting a Police Vehicle Lease**

121 ACTION: It was M/S/C (Bailey/Morrison) to approve Consent Calendar Items A, B, C, D, E and F,
122 which carried by the following vote: 4-0 (Ayes: Bailey (abstained from Item A), Chu, Morrison,
123 Ravasio and Wright; Noes: None; Absent: Greene; Abstain: Bailey and Ravasio from Item A).

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125 **BUSINESS ITEMS**

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127 **A. Homeless Outreach Police Evaluator (H.O.P.E.) Team and Legal Issues Regarding**
128 **Homeless Rights**
129 *Recommendation: that Council receives report and discusses.*

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131 Police Chief Norton stated over the last year community or business members and
132 Councilmembers want to talk about the increase in homelessness and why police are not doing

133 more. He provided background and information regarding CMPA's involvement with the
134 homeless issue from the staff report. He stated there was a County Homeless Forum which
135 found a 39% increase over the last 3 years in Marin which he thought was significant.

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137 Chief Norton stated he made good contacts with Marin Health and Human Services, Ritter
138 Center, St. Vincent's and San Rafael Police, and CMPA held its own meeting to determine what
139 could be done. They created their Homeless Outreach Police Evaluator (HOPE) Team and it is
140 currently staffed with ancillary duties by Corporal Scott McClevitch and three younger officers
141 who care a lot about the issue and assist those homeless persons who want help to get out of
142 their situation.

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144 They have had some success thus far and he noted the process is a long one, but he was happy
145 with how it is going. He then described legal rights relating to housing and camping, and said
146 48-hours of notice are given prior to removal of debris from encampments.

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148 He noted that Martin vs. City of Boise 2018 cited it was a violation of the 8th Amendment right
149 of cruel and unusual punishment when homeless people are prosecuted for sleeping outside on
150 public property when there are no alternative shelters available. He spoke to legal counsel and
151 met with the District Attorney to come up with some alternative solutions to have some
152 enforcement and spoke about a very large encampment area they are working to clear now in
153 Larkspur and spoke about fires set in the past.

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155 Some of the things they are looking at are exploration of other options such as trespassing on
156 posted property, littering into a bay or creek, public nuisance for urination and defecation or
157 dumping commercial quantities on public land. He will encourage exploring options to limit
158 hours within town or city parks and public property such as between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. for
159 certain areas to help control the problem. They are interested in continuing to be responsive to
160 requests and concerns of community members while upholding legal Constitutional rights of
161 the homeless.

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163 Council Member Morrison said without the REST program, there are few options and she asked
164 about comments from the Ritter program.

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166 Chief Norton stated the Ritter program is focusing on the whole person health program.
167 Traditionally, it was difficult to get housing because people had to meet certain standards, such
168 as being drug-free. Now, they get people shelter but the absence of the REST program will be
169 an impact.

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171 Council Member Morrison asked if they were able to work with the shower program. Chief
172 Norton stated currently they do not have showers now in any of the jurisdictions, but they do
173 tell homeless persons where resources can be found. Those people living in and found in cars
174 typically benefit most from the various services.

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176 Council Member Morrison spoke about Coordinated Entry which is all day homeless agencies
177 and she asked if names were being documented. Chief Norton stated the HOPE team is
178 providing names of people they contact with rough locations to the Ritter and St. Vincent's
179 outreach teams, which have employees that hike up in the woods or the marsh. They prefer
180 police make contact first with them and then police provide them with names and locations.

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182 Council Member Morrison encouraged Chief Norton to attend the Homeless Steering
183 Committee at any time.

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185 Council Member Ravasio stated the mobile shower units will be coming soon to pick a location
186 and staff that operate the showers are highly trained. They interview the people and do
187 everything they can to provide them with services, some of whom have found housing and
188 other resources.

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190 Council Member Chu referred to those with emotional problems or come across life problems,
191 and asked if police were finding these people also need help.

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193 Chief Norton stated there are some who have lost their jobs and are sleeping in vehicles with
194 their children. They want to work and get into housing and police usually set them up right
195 away with Ritter and St. Vincent's. Most challenging are those with severe mental health
196 issues.

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198 Police Council Attorney Tom Bertrand agreed the legal aspect of the matter is becoming more
199 and more difficult for police agencies and said CMPA is fairly limited in what it can do and he
200 would not like CMPA get challenged for violating people's rights.

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202 Chair Wright commented that there are countywide resources which have been identified and
203 confirmed that cities and towns are working with specific agencies who deal with helping
204 people directly.

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206 Chair Wright asked if any members of the public would like to address the Council, and there
207 were no speakers.

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209 **B. Resolution 2018/18 - The Central Marin Police Council to set meeting schedule for**
210 **2019.**

211 *Recommendation: that Council discusses and approves Resolution 2018/19 on*
212 *setting a schedule of Regular Police Council meetings for calendar year 2019.*

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214 Chief Norton stated RVPA meets on the first Thursday of every month and he asked to keep the
215 months the same of February, May, August, and November, but not necessarily the dates.

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217 There was Council Member consensus to hold meetings on the second Thursdays in the months
218 of February, May, August and November and staff will adjust the resolution accordingly.

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220 ACTION: It was M/S/C (Bailey/Ravasio) to adopt Resolution 2018/18, as amended, setting the
221 meeting schedule for 2019, which carried by the following vote: 4-0 (Ayes: Bailey, Chu,
222 Morrison, Ravasio and Wright; Noes: None; Absent: Greene.)

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224 **ADJOURNMENT**

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226 The Council adjourned the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting on
227 February 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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231 Lisa Harper, Minute Taker
232 c/o Central Marin Police Council