

## MINUTES

City of Pacifica  
 Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission  
 2075 Coast Highway  
 Pacifica, CA 94044

DATE: April 20, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

### ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Salisbury, Johnson, Gasanyan, Blackburn,  
 Crawford, Balestreri

Commissioners Absent: Hladky, Erbacher, Taverna

Council Liaison Present: Council Member Bigstyc

Ex Officio Members Present: Fleming

Ex Officio Members Absent: Peppers, Machado

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Clements, Sergeant Cumming

### APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the March 16, 2022 meeting was approved.

### APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: The agenda for the April 20, 2022 meeting was approved.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Safety Inspector Adams from the North County Fire Authority (NCFA) delivered a presentation to the commission about wildfire preparedness. His presentation included a Power Point slide show detailing fire prevention and preparedness strategies, and the Zonehaven evacuation management platform. He also promoted the NCFA “Ready, Set, Go” wildfire preparedness and evacuation program. The “Ready, Set, Go” program identifies some of the risk for fire for all California residents, and strategies to be better prepared. The presentation highlighted the following actions;

- (1) Creating Defensible Space
- (2) Hardening your home
- (3) Having a Wild Fire Action Plan
- (4) Having a Fire Check List
- (5) Know When to leave your house when fire approaches.

Inspector Adams also announced the Pacifica Wildfire Preparedness Event will be held on Saturday, June 11 at 10 am a location to be determined. The event will promote “Ready, Set, Go,” SMCAAlert, Zonehaven, creating defensible space, and other preparedness strategies. This event will be promoted on a wide array of social media platforms and through the Connect With Pacifica e-bulletin.

The “Ready, Set, Go” program and additional information may be found on the North County Fire Authority website at [www.northcountyfire.org](http://www.northcountyfire.org)

#### **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Blackburn talked to the commission about his experience dealing with insurance companies that are cancelling homeowner’s insurance policies due to where the property is located near the wildland urban interface. Resources for consumers may be found at the United Policyholders website at [www.uphelp.org](http://www.uphelp.org) and at the state Insurance Commissioner website at [www.insurance.ca.gov](http://www.insurance.ca.gov)

#### **EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Fleming spoke to the commission about her work with the American Red Cross, and promoted the “Sound the Alarm” program that installs smoke detectors in homes. More information can be found on the official American Red Cross website. [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

#### **COUNCIL LIASION COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Tygarjas Bigstycyk provided an update on the work the Council has been doing. He spoke about the adopted Council goals for 2022-2023 including a review of the commission and committee charters. Mayor Pro Tem Bigstycyk also spoke about budget planning for the upcoming years, and concerns about revenue shortfalls that would impact the level of service provided by the City. He provided an update on the proposed sewer rate increase and the state of the aging waste water system infrastructure. He also shared the Council is considering possible revenue generating measures including the possibility of a proposed tax measure, to overcome a predicted revenue shortfall in the coming years of over \$2 million. Mayor Pro Tem Bigstycyk recently attended a two day course on wildfire preparedness. He encouraged community members to visit the CalFire site [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org) for more information about preparing for the upcoming wildfire season.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

Mar 16 Honshu, Japan, mag. 7.3 earthquake/ promoted tsunami/ earthquake prep

Mar 17 social media post- promoting City Tsunami Prep page (Japan EQ /lead up to Tsunami Prep Week)

Mar 21-25 Tsunami Preparedness Week (social media posts daily, videos, City page, and 2x CWP)

Mar 23 SMCDEM Wildfire/ Coastside Tsunami Evacuation Plan update meeting #30

Mar 24 SMCDEM Countywide Wildfire/ Tsunami Evacuation Plan update meeting

Mar 24 SMCo Emergency Managers Association Meeting

Mar 23 SMCo Tsunami Activation/ Evacuation (Zonehaven) Tabletop Exercise

Mar 23 Statewide Tsunami Communication Exercise

Mar 23 social media post- Driving in the Fog PSA (Mar 25 in Connect With Pacifica)

Apr 4 social media post NCFA Veg Mgmt Grant Program (posted to CWP 4/8 thru end May)

Apr 5 social media post Zonehaven- **Know Your Zone** video

Apr 6 SMCDEM Wildfire/ Coastside Tsunami Evacuation Plan update meeting #32

Apr 14 SMCDEM Wildfire/ Tsunami Evacuation Plan update meeting

Apr 12 social media post- Local Mobile COVID Testing (Sun, Tues, Thurs, 8am-8pm, 1900 Francisco)

Apr 20 social media post -NWS Beach Hazard Statement

Apr 21 SMC Emergency Services Council via Zoom

Apr 27 SMCDEM Wildfire/ Coastside Tsunami Evacuation Plan update meeting #35

Apr 28 SMC Emergency Manager Assoc. Pres. by Lt. Vargas Salvation Army

May 19 Golden Eagle Exercise SMC ROC (Transportation/ Mass Shelter)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11 NCFA Wildfire Awareness Event- location TBD

Jul 30 Disaster Preparedness Day @San Mateo Event Center 10AM-2PM

Sept. 24, 25 Pacific Coast Fog Fest

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The commission discussed if the City of Pacifica EPSC was going to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day event at the San Mateo County Event Center on July 30, 2022. The commissioners agreed this is a good opportunity for community outreach and requested to include some CERT members to help promote that program as well.

The commission also discussed the 2022 Fog Fest in September. Commissioners were looking forward to the community engagement at this event which was postponed the past two years due to COVID concerns. The discussion focused on the “theme” for the EPSC booth, and the commissioner assignments. A work group has been created to work on this and report back at future meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:54 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** May 18, 2022