



CITY OF BAYTOWN

NOTICE OF MEETING

BAYTOWN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

6:00 P.M.

**MAIN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, BAYVIEW APARTMENTS
6900 NORTH MAIN STREET, BAYTOWN, TEXAS 77521**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, prohibits the Baytown Police Advisory Committee from discussing, deliberating, or considering, subjects for which public notice has not been given on the agenda. Issues that cannot be referred to the administration for action may be placed on the agenda of a future Baytown Police Advisory Committee Session.

2. MINUTES

- a. Consider approving the minutes of the Baytown Police Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

- a. Receive citizen input concerning police outreach, community policing, officer training, as well as policies and procedures.

4. COMMUNITY INPUT

- a. Receive and discuss community input obtained by the Baytown Police Advisory Committee Members.

5. REPORTS

- a. Receive a report and discuss the status of police outreach, community policing, officer training and policies and procedures.

6. NEXT MEETING

- a. Consider setting the date, time and location for the next Baytown Police Advisory Committee meeting, along with any related tasks and processes.

7. ADJOURN

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Approved for posting:



Carol Flynt, Assistant City Manager

Posted this 19th day of April 2024, at 2:00 P.M.

Posted by:



Angela Jackson, City Clerk
(SEAL)



BAYTOWN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2. a.

Meeting Date: 04/23/2024

Subject: Minutes of the Baytown Police Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Prepared for: Angela Jackson, City Clerk's Office

Prepared by: Gabriella Gonzales, City Clerk's Office

Department: City Clerk's Office

ITEM

Consider approving the minutes of the Baytown Police Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

PREFACE

Attachments

BPAC Minutes 2024 03 26

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BAYTOWN POLICE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BAYTOWN**

March 26, 2024

The Baytown Police Advisory Committee (BPAC) met in a Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Baytown City Hall, located at 2401 Market Street, Baytown, Texas, with the following in attendance:

Sgt. Steve Jones	Committee Member
Kirk Russell	Committee Member
Erik Rodriguez	Committee Member
Marshall Land	Committee Member
 Michael Springer	 Vice Chairperson
 Angela Jackson	 Acting Secretary
John Stringer	Police Chief

Vice Chairperson Michael Springer convened the March 26, 2024 Baytown Police Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting with a quorum present at 6:05 P.M. All members were present with the exception of the absence of Chairperson Dr. Marissa Moreno, Committee Member Natalie Robinson and Committee Member Richard Hunsinger.

Vice Chairperson Michael Springer recognized the new committee members Erik Rodriguez and Marshall Land.

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizens signed up to speak.

2. MINUTES

a. Consider approving the minutes of the Baytown Police Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2024.

A motion was made by Committee Member Sgt. Steve Jones and seconded by Committee Member Kirk Russell to approve the minutes of the Baytown Police Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2024, as submitted. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Vice Chairperson Michael Springer, Committee Member Sgt. Steve Jones, Committee Member Kirk Russell, Committee Member Erik Rodriguez, Committee Member Marshall Land

Nays: None

Other: Chairperson Dr. Marissa Moreno (absent), Committee Member Natalie Robinson (absent) and Committee Member Richard Hunsinger (absent)

Approved

b. Consider approving the minutes of the Baytown Police Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 27, 2024.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kirk Russell and seconded by Committee Member Sgt. Steve Jones to approve the minutes of the Baytown Police Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 27, 2024, as submitted. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Vice Chairperson Michael Springer, Committee Member Sgt. Steve Jones, Committee Member Kirk Russell, Committee Member Erik Rodriguez, Committee Member Marshall Land

Nays: None

Other: Chairperson Dr. Marissa Moreno (absent), Committee Member Natalie Robinson (absent) and Committee Member Richard Hunsinger (absent)

Approved

3. CITIZEN INPUT

a. Receive citizen input concerning police outreach, community policing, officer training, as well as policies and procedures.

Committee Member Erik Rodriguez spoke briefly on the relationship between Citizens who are here illegally and their concerns for deportation when relying on the police department. Chief John Stringer assured Mr. Rodriguez the City of Baytown Police Department is there to assist every Citizen and has a group of bilingual officers “Unidos” to bridge the Latino community. Chief Stringer stated, “We are not the Police Department, We are your Police Department”.

4. COMMUNITY INPUT

a. Receive community input obtained by the Baytown Police Advisory Committee Members.

There was no Community input received.

5. REPORTS

a. Receive an update regarding the status of police outreach, community policing, officer training and policies and procedures.

Police Chief John Stringer with the Baytown Police Department (BPD) presented a status report of the police outreach, community policing, officer training and policies and procedures. (Exhibit A)

6. NEXT MEETING

a. Consider setting a date, time and location for the next Baytown Advisory Committee Meeting, along with any related tasks and processes.

Vice Chairperson Michael Springer solicited ideas from the Committee for future meetings to address other concerns. Committee Sgt. Steve Jones solicited ideas of better ways to get engaged with the community to hear their questions or concerns. Committee Sgt. Steve Jones asked the Committee to consider the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Bayview Apartments at 6900 North Main Street, Baytown, TX 77521.

A motion was made by Committee Member Sgt. Steve Jones and seconded by Committee Member Marshall Land to approve the next Baytown Police Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at Bayview Apartments located at 6900 North Main Street, Baytown, TX 77521. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Vice Chairperson Michael Springer, Committee Member Sgt. Steve Jones, Committee Member Kirk Russell, Committee Member Erik Rodriguez, Committee Member Marshall Land

Nays: None

Other: Chairperson Dr. Marissa Moreno (absent), Committee Member Natalie Robinson (absent) and Committee Member Richard Hunsinger (absent)

Approved

7. ADJOURN

With there being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairperson Michael Springer adjourned the March 26, 2024, Baytown Police Advisory Committee Meeting at 6:31 P.M.

Angela Jackson, Secretary
City of Baytown



BAYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 26, 2024



Exhibit "A"

JOHN D. STRINGER
Chief of Police

Recruitment and Retention

1. Staffing levels are at 95%.
 - a. Eight Officers were recently sworn in, with 6 being lateral recruits, and under our new Lateral Peace Officer Course were able to begin field training immediately- moving us toward our goal of getting new personnel in service more efficiently.
2. Det. Zucha, who had 30 years of experience retired this month.

Collaboration and Outreach

1. We had many Educational Contacts, such as Crime Stoppers and Campus Crime Stoppers, Child Safety Seat Classes, and Traffic Management Team assisting citizens during traffic stops with correcting improper child safety seat installation DARE Classes were concluded and graduations commenced during March.
 - a. During our Community Collaboration and Outreach efforts we had over 1,500 citizen stakeholders in attendance
2. We had 3 meetings with apartment managers, focusing on those with higher incidences of criminal activity, to reduce crime.
3. Crime Prevention Officers and Patrol worked with 2 local businesses regarding issues and concerns with homeless persons trespassing on their property
 - a. BPD continues to focus on complaints of loitering at public transit bus stops to correct this concern
 - b. BPD is working with area homeless to assist them, if willing, to take advantage of programs offered by the Mental Health Diversion Center to obtain housing, employment, and an ID, as a long-term solution to assist the individual and community

Training

Below is the information requested:

1. Baytown Police Officers received a total of 1,859 training hours from February 27th to present.
 - a. Since February 2 officers have received their Intermediate Peace Officer license and 2 have received their Master Peace Officer license
2. The Baytown Police Academy provided a total of 2,886 training hours from February 27th to present, up by almost 700 hrs from last month.
 - a. Total courses- 11
 - b. Total students- 127

Additional Information

1. The new Police & Fire Public Safety Building is close to full completion with an updated projected move in date of April 22, due to slow down in the arrival of some smaller items, such as access card readers for doors, elevator certification, and a generator transfer switch.
2. With March bringing spring break and increased highway travel, Traffic Management Team concentrated traffic enforcement on 146/330/I10 to ensure safe travel. Assisted with car seat install and instruction at the Medical Center with local agencies.
3. Proactive Initiatives are having an impact on crime patterns. These proactive initiatives include our focused patrols, focused traffic enforcement, park patrols, and engagement with apartment properties. Comparing January and February of 2024 with the same time period during 2023 we have seen correlational data that as proactive patrols appear to have resulted or impacted the following areas:
 - a. Calls for service are down 11%
 - b. Vehicle crashes are down 37%
 - c. Violent crime is down 14%
 - d. Spent shell casings submitted as a result of shots fired calls are down 50%
 - e. Burglaries are down 52%
 - f. Firearms collected/ seized are down 58%