

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

12:00 p.m.

Municipal Plaza Room B

Members Present: Councilmember John G. Clamp, *Chair, District 10*
Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*
Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*

Members Absent: Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*

Staff Present: Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief*; John Bull, *Municipal Court Presiding Judge*; David Garza, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Director*; Majed Al-Ghafry, *Public Works Director*; Betty Feldman, *City Architect*; Geraldine Garcia, *Assistant Police Chief*; Carl Wedige, *Assistant Fire Chief*; Rodney Hitzfelder, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Mike Burns, *Deputy Police Chief*; David Martinez, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Jeff Humphrey, *Deputy Police Chief*; Ramon Mendez, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Assistant Director*; Joe Nino, *Deputy City Attorney*; Savita Rai, *Assistant City Attorney*; Clarissa Lopez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Father Jimmy Drennan, *Chaplain, SAPD*; Mitra Kermani, *Allied Towing*; Buck Benson, *PCPB*

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 3.

3. Update on Juvenile Case Management Program

Presented by Honorable Judge John W. Bull, Presiding Judge

Judge John Bull reported that Municipal Court was now providing oversight of the Juvenile Case Management Program to process and service adjudicated fine-only misdemeanor juvenile offenders. He provided an overview of several programs under consideration and requested the assistance of the City Council with development and implementation. He cited a graffiti clean-up program that would address the City's graffiti issue throughout the year. He explained how intervention and preventive programs could have a meaningful and positive impact on the lives of juvenile offenders.

Call to Order

Chairman Clamp called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

2. Approval of minutes of the October 14, 2009 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 6.

6. Update on Fire Capital Projects
Presented by Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief

Erik Walsh provided an overview of the proposed construction of five Fire Department Facilities (Fire Stations: #1, #3, #19, #50, and #51). He stated that staff recommended accepting a Stimulus Grant to proceed with the Fire Station #50 and #51 projects. Additionally, set aside funds to cover the anticipated grant, cover project overfalls in Fire Stations #50 and #51, and add back in station features that were previously removed. He recommended that the balance be held until the projects were completed.

In response to Councilmember Medina, Chief Hood explained that Fire Station #11 housed the Fire Shift Commander and that Fire Station #16 housed the EMS Shift Commander. He noted that both Shift Commanders would be centralized at the new Fire Station #1 established as the Operations Command Center. He clarified that only the Shift Commanders would be moved to the new facility and that personnel and equipment would remain at the corresponding facilities. He added that the Commanders would not be moved until construction had been completed at the end of calendar year 2010.

5. Staff Recommendation on New State Law: Cell Phone Ban in School Zones
Presented by Majed Al-Ghafry, Director, Public Works

Majed Al-Ghafry reported that an Invitation for Bid (IFB) was released on October 16, 2009 with requested bids for the following options:

- Option 1: Install 8,000 signs over 1-year period
- Option 2: Install approximately 2,700 signs per year for three years
- Option 3: Install 2,700 over a 1-year period with a 1st additive alternate to install an additional 2,700 signs and a 2nd additive alternate to install additional 2,600 signs

Mr. Al-Ghafry stated that staff recommended Option 1 to install all signs over one year and indicated that there would be a substantial savings with said option. Mr. Walsh requested the consensus of the Committee to pursue Option 1 and bring to the Committee in December 2009 before forwarding to the full Council for consideration. Chairman Clamp asked that staff provide the City Council with two options. Mr. Al-Ghafry suggested Options 1 and 3.

4. CCR (D10) – Request for Review and Amendment of City Code Chapter 21, Article X – Graffiti Strategic Plan

Presented by David D. Garza, Director, Housing and Neighborhood Services

Item 4 was not addressed.

7. Update on Public Safety Headquarters

Presented by Erik Walsh, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Walsh provided information on the proposed Public Safety Headquarters. He stated that the City Council had approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bexar County and the Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation authorizing the City to convey the Municipal Auditorium and adjacent Fire Department Headquarters for a new performing arts center campus. He noted that the City had agreed to vacate the building by June, 2012.

Mr. Walsh reported that the current location of the San Antonio Police Department Headquarters on West Nueva had been identified for the development of a new federal court campus. He stated that the General Services Agency (GSA) would compensate the City for the site with a \$3.5 million cash payment and noted that the City expects to deliver the site to GSA by December, 2012.

Mr. Walsh indicated that the former K-Mart site located on the corner of South Santa Rosa and West Nueva had been designated as the new site of the Public Safety Headquarters.

Betty Feldman provided a description and scope of the proposed project. She reported that the project would provide a central location and state-of-the-art facility for the Police and Fire Departments in addition to much improved space for Police and Fire administrative functions.

Mr. Walsh stated that the Police and Fire Dispatch Center was currently located on the second floor of Police Headquarters and that staff was reviewing sites near the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for relocation. He noted staff was reviewing potential financing through a municipal facilities corporation that would impact the operating budget.

8. Consideration of items for future meetings

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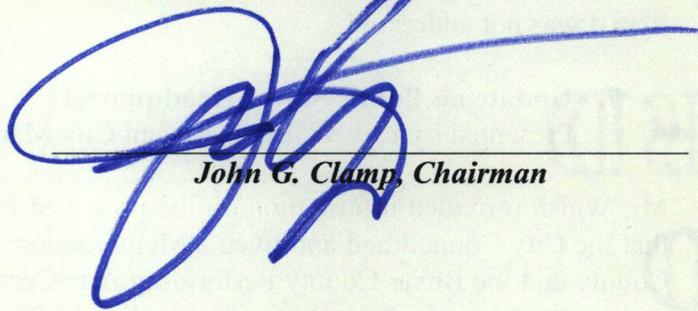
- Graffiti
- Municipal Court
- Public Safety High School – Briefing
- Towing Update

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- Safe Passage Ordinance

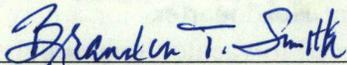
9. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



John G. Clamp, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



**Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk**