

**PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012  
12:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

**Members Present:** Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *Chair, District 5*  
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*  
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Leticia Ozuna, *District 3*

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**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Anthony Trevino, *Deputy Police Chief*; Steven Baum, *Park Police Commander*; Steve Gaffigan, *Police Department Assistant Director*; Dennis Rosenberry, *Police Department*; James Glass, *Police Department*; Thomas Jenkins, *Police Department*; Jim Kipp, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Liz Johnson, *SA Towing Association*; Lloyd Welty, *SA Towing Association*

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**Call to Order**

Chairman D. Medina called the meeting to order.

**1. Citizens to be Heard**

*Sherry Shaw*, Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), spoke in support of the revisions to Chapter 33 regarding Pedicabs. She stated that the TAB, Police Department, and Pedicab Industry Stakeholders had worked together to develop the proposed revisions.

**2. Approval of minutes of the April 24, 2012 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Chan moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**3. Briefing and Possible Action on Chapter 33 – Pedicabs**  
Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Dennis Rosenberry provided an overview of the proposed revisions to Chapter 33 regarding Pedicabs. He reported that the TAB had worked with City Staff and the Pedicab Industry to review specific changes and provide recommendations that would allow them to improve the service they provide. He stated that there were currently two Pedicab Operators with a total of 15 permits. He summarized the proposed revisions and noted that presentation to the full Council was scheduled for May 31, 2012.

Councilmember Chan thanked Sherry Shaw for her service and representation of District 9. She asked of the lottery process for new permits. Mr. Rosenberry responded that if one of the two companies relinquished their permits, those permits would be offered through a more competitive lottery system. He stated that Pedicabs had an open fee structure and that the proposed revisions would not regulate their fee structure.

Councilmember Soules expressed concern with the operation of Pedicabs on sidewalks and requested that staff ensure that the ordinance language appropriately addresses possible issues.

Chairman D. Medina concurred with Councilmember Soules and spoke in support of regulating Pedicabs on sidewalks. He spoke of a study regarding Pedicab operations and the review of data for feasibility of additional permits.

Councilmember Chan moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Briefing on Police Substation Realignment**

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Deputy Chief Anthony Trevino provided an overview of the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) Patrol Resource Allocation Model (PRAM) Initiative; formerly know as "Realignment and Redistricting." He reported that the SAPD has determined that the PRAM will improve operations in several key areas:

- ✚ Increased Officer Safety
- ✚ Equity of workload across service areas
- ✚ Enhanced command and control decisions from a staffing perspective
- ✚ Standardized future redistricting as the city grows and crime distributions shifts

Councilmember Chan asked of the definition of a call for service and how it is logged into the system. Chief Trevino responded that any call that comes into the service center is handled either by an officer in the field or an expediter and logged into the system as such. Councilmember Chan asked of the type of patrol staffing. Chief Trevino referenced the Staffing and Call-for-Service slide in the Patrol Resource Allocation handout listing all SAPD substations totaling 1,230 Patrol Staff. Councilmember Chan requested documented framework with advisory input for resource allocation methodology, and a matrix of service call types relative to the 10 priority service codes.

Councilmember Soules expressed concern with the list of 10 priority service calls regarding only providing examples. He requested more detailed information and a listing of how each call is coded.

Chairman D. Medina asked of the number of Detectives per substation. Chief Trevino responded that there were eight Detectives per substation. He explained that Detectives follow up on leads from certain cases. He requested copies of the information requested by Councilmember Chan. Erik Walsh stated that copies will be distributed to the entire committee.

## 5. Briefing on Park Police

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Chief McManus reported that he was designated as the Chief of the SAPD, Park Police and Airport Police in 2009. He stated that the goal for the designation was to: Achieve better departmental integration; assist with training issues; and provide for unity of command. He noted that the plan was to absorb Airport and Park Police responsibilities into SAPD; however, the initial goal had been attained and the plan was absorb the two departments into SAPD was aborted. He added that those departments remain the same with the exception of the chain of command.

Steven Baum provided an overview of the San Antonio Park Police Department. He reported that there were 130 authorized staff positions; 124 filled with six vacancies. He stated that six cadets would complete the Academy in July, 2012. In response to Councilmember Soules, Commander Baum stated that five officers were lost each year through attrition. Discussion ensued regarding authorized, actual and vacant positions.

Chairman D. Medina asked of future plans for the Mission Reach. Commander Baum responded that one officer would be assigned for every 5.5 miles and that currently, two officers have been assigned.

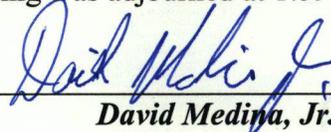
Councilmember Soules expressed concern with the absence of an officer that has to process an arrest. He spoke of exploring another mechanism to address the issue. Commander Baum explained that Park Police Officers are assigned approximately 30 parks per patrol district. He stated that there were only two parks with designated officers (Hardberger and Medina River Natural Area). He noted that a Park Police Service Area has one officer; whereas, an SAPD service area has 20 officers. He added that if there was an issue at more than one park in a Park Police Service Area, SAPD would have to address one of the calls. Chief McManus stated that staff would be reviewing disability versus enforcement strategy to explore options to provide visibility with ranger-type officers.

## 6. Consideration of items for future meetings

There were no items discussed.

## 7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.



David Medina, Jr., Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith  
Office of the City Clerk