

**Public Safety Council Committee  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

**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*  
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*

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**Members Absent:** *None*

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**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Sharon De La Garza, *Assistant City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; David Garza, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Director*; Geraldine Garcia, *Assistant Police Chief*; Ramon Mendez, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Assistant Director*; Rodney Hitzfelder, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Mike Burns, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Nim Kidd, *District Fire Chief*; Carl Wedige, *Assistant Fire Chief*; Rumaldo Abonce, *City Marshal*; Jose Nino, *Deputy City Attorney*; Savita Rai, *Assistant City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Mitra Kermani, *Allied Towing*; Bobby Perez, *Shelton-Valadez*; Eric Wilhite, *Texas Towing*; Christian Bove, *KTSA-AM*;

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**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 December 9, 2009 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting.**

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Briefing and Possible Action on Article C Graffiti Ordinance**

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

Ramon Mendez provided information on HB 2086 and presented staff's recommendation to continue to make the current Graffiti Ordinance applicable to vacant commercial and residential properties only. He noted that amendments should be made to make the Ordinance consistent with the New State Statute and clarify the issue regarding the owner's consent to a "permission wall."

Councilmember Medina spoke of the escalating graffiti issue within District 5 and requested that staff return to the Committee with additional alternatives in 30 days.

T.C. Broadnax stated that the proposed recommendations would bring the current Ordinance into compliance with the new State Statute. He recommended that a B Session be held to explore additional considerations beyond State compliance.

Chairman Clamp spoke in support of Councilmember Medina's request to continue said item for 30 days to allow for further review. Councilmember Medina moved to continue said item for 30 days for further review. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Clamp requested that staff meet individually with Committee Members before the next meeting. Erik Walsh recommended that a Public Safety Work Session be held to include San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and CPS Energy to explore efforts that would address graffiti issues within the entire City. Councilmember Taylor asked that information regarding prevention be included in the proposed Work Session. Chief William McManus spoke of enforcement and consequences in addition to prevention and suggested that severe penalties in the upcoming legislative session be proposed.

### **4. Briefing on Municipal Courts**

Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief; William McManus, Chief of Police

Fred Garcia provided an update on the Annual Warrant Round-Up that will take place in early-March. He noted that Municipal Courts will coordinate with the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) to encourage individuals with outstanding Class C Warrants to pay their fines prior to Enforcement Week. Chairman Clamp spoke in support of the effort and suggested that the round-up be publicized as much as possible.

Mr. Garcia also spoke of a new Juvenile Court Community Service Program. City Marshal Rumaldo Abonce indicated that currently, 54 juvenile offenders had been ordered to perform community service and that the program would address graffiti and code compliance clean up throughout the City. He noted that staff would be contacting Councilmembers to coordinate program efforts.

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

Majed Al-Ghafry reported that staff recommended proceeding with the installation of cell phone ban signs in all school zones over a one-year period in the amount of \$1,015,600.

Councilmember Lopez suggested an option to provide cell phone ban signs to school districts at cost to post in their parking lot properties at their own expense.

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

**6. Committee Discussion on Public Safety Performance Measures**  
Presented by Erik Walsh, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Walsh provided scorecard performance measures tracked by the Police and Fire Departments that are reported to the City Council on a quarterly basis. He noted that the measures allowed the Departments to monitor and review each indicator to improve their performance.

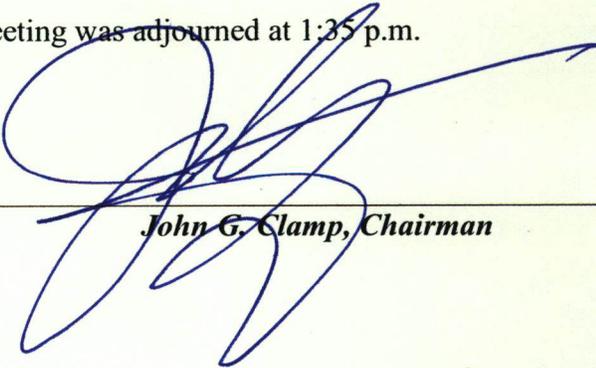
Chairman Clamp requested that a condensed summary of the scorecard be provided to the Committee on a monthly basis and that crime statistics be included in the report. He requested that the Committee return the scorecard to Mr. Walsh next month with any feedback.

**7. Consideration of items for future meetings**

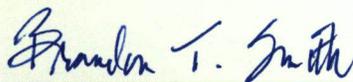
There were no items considered.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

  
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*John G. Clamp, Chairman*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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