

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, *Chair, District 7*
Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*

Members Absent: Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; Robert Reyna, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Cindy Segovia, *Bexar County*

Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 3.

3. SAPD Community Outreach on Chronic Public Safety Issues

Presented by Police Chief William McManus

Police Chief William McManus reported that the San Antonio Police Department was placing prevention back into policing. He outlined three approaches to prevention: 1. Focused Law-Enforcement; 2. Neighborhood Partnerships; and 3. Systemic Prevention. He noted that the next steps were to provide templates indicating the progress of the formalized approach.

2. Approval of minutes from the August 13, 2008 Meeting

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2008 Meeting with a correction. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. San Antonio Crime Prevention Commission

Presented by Police Chief William McManus

Chief McManus recommended forwarding the San Antonio Crime Prevention Commission to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Boards and Commissions for review. Erik Walsh reported that the Crime Prevention Commission was not meeting on a regular basis and that there were many members serving past their appointment date. It was noted that the Commission has lacked focus for a while and faced quorum issues due to its size.

Councilmember Herrera moved to forward said item to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Boards and Commissions. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion on possible DWI enforcement alternatives for inclusion in the City's State Legislation Plan

Presented by Police Chief William McManus

Councilmember Herrera expressed concerns regarding proposed Sobriety Checkpoints and requested full Council discussion on the proposed initiative. Chief McManus stated that there had been some changes to the original proposal that included: 1. Limit to cities over 500,000; 2). Prior announcement of locations; and 3). City Ordinance - not State Law.

In response to Chairman Rodriguez, Chief McManus stated that there were no concerns from other Cities but that the State of Texas has chosen not to participate in Sobriety Checkpoints. Andrew Smith stated that he and Chief McManus had been exploring pilot program options to make the proposed initiative more agreeable to the Legislature.

Mr. Walsh stated that he would provide an update to the Committee after the October 1, 2008 Special Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting.

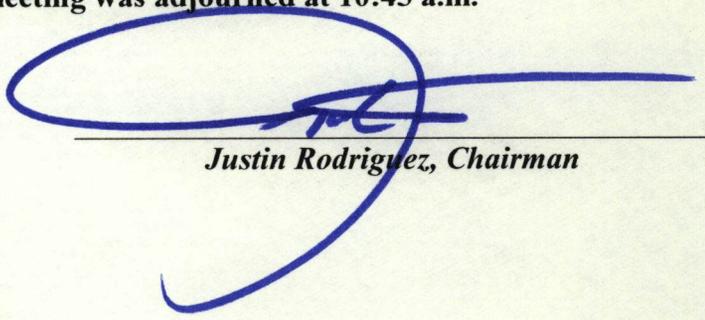
6. Consideration of items for future meetings

Chairman Rodriguez requested the following:

- Youth Curfew -- Framework for Recreation Center Alternative
- Dangerous Animal Ordinance -- Policy direction to further protect citizens
- Alarm permit fees -- limit increase for Seniors

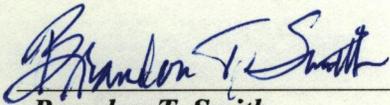
7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Justin Rodriguez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



*Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk*

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