

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2009
12:00 p.m.**

Emergency Operations Center, Policy Room

Members Present: Councilmember John G. Clamp, *Chair, District 10*
Councilmember Ivy Taylor, *District 2*
Councilmember David Medina, *District 5*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief*; John Bull, *Municipal Court Presiding Judge*; Geraldine Garcia, *Assistant Police Chief*; Nim Kidd, *District Fire Chief*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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

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 September 8, 2009 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 4.

4. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Presented by Judge John Bull and William McManus, Chief of Police

Chief William McManus reported that a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) would be the primary mechanism that would provide better local planning, analysis and criminal justice coordination. It would provide a forum where key justice system agency officials and other government officials may discuss justice system issues, programs and initiatives.

Judge John Bull spoke of the lack of communication between the City and the Bexar County and noted that there was no integrated case management system. He cited the

benefits of establishing a CJCC and indicated that collaboration between both entities could save tax payers a significant amount of money.

Councilmember Taylor cautioned against meeting for the sake of meeting. She suggested that a solid strategic plan be utilized in the creation of a CJCC. She asked of the justification for a CJCC or a Crime Prevention Commission. Chief McManus replied that the Crime Prevention Commission had not been productive and lacked a mission or objective. He noted that he was unable to determine a viable plan to reconstruct the Commission.

Father Jimmy Drennan informed the Committee that the Crime Prevention Commission was created in the 1980's in response to extreme gang violence in the City. He stated that community policing within the SAPD structure has eliminated the purpose of the Commission.

Erik Walsh stated that Mayor Hardberger had created a subcommittee to review committees that needed to be refocused or eliminated and the Crime Prevention Commission was listed for review. He noted that most of the terms had expired and the Commission had ceased meeting.

Chairman Clamp asked of the creation of the CJCC. Mr. Walsh stated that after discussion in the Public Safety Committee, the proposal would be forwarded to the Governance Committee and then to the full Council for consideration. He noted that the proposed item could require further discussion in the Public Safety Committee before proceeding any further. Judge Bull indicated that the CJCC would be an intergovernmental committee with appointments from the City Council and Bexar County.

Mr. Walsh indicated that the Department of Justice recommended that a CJCC might be established by a joint resolution of local governments, joint powers agreement, municipal ordinance, resolution of county and city governments, statute, or executive order. Chairman Clamp stated that said item would be returned to the Committee for further discussion.

Judge Bull requested that the restructuring of the Juvenile Program be placed on the next Committee agenda.

5. Update on Towing Services and Growden Pound Contracts
Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Chief Geraldine Garcia reported that United Road Towing (URT) had been awarded a contract for operation and maintenance of the Growden Road Vehicle Storage Facility (VSF) and that URT had completed over \$1,000,000 in capital improvements. She noted that privatization of the VSF had allowed for the redirection of 22 Civilian Employees, seven Police Officers and three Sergeants back into the field. She added that the revenue received by the City for one year of URT's contract was \$51,029.

Mr. Walsh reported that the City operates and maintains the vehicle auction and that the auction component would be privatized as part of the FY2010 Budget.

Chief Garcia reported that contracts were awarded for wrecker services in six zones which were mirrored after the Police Department's substation boundary and that no one company could be awarded more than three zones. She indicated that the contract standard required a thirty minute response time for at least 98% on all dispatched non-consent towing requests. She noted that the ongoing performance of each contractor was assessed through performance ratings.

Chief Garcia stated that as of commencement of the contract, the City had been compensated a total of \$259,926 and that the City received free towing for all City owned and leased vehicles which yielded a savings of \$167,329.

6. Consideration of items for future meetings

- a. Municipal Court – Restructuring of the Juvenile Program

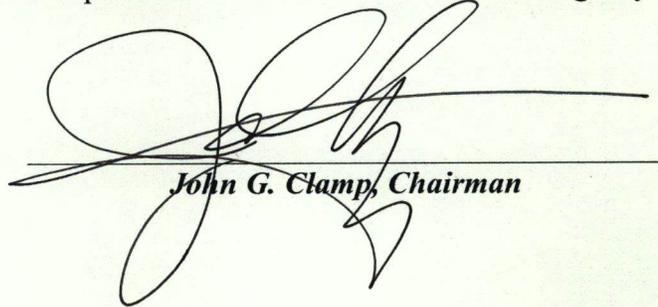
7. Adjournment

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

3. Tour of the Emergency Operations Center

Presented by Nim Kidd, District Fire Chief & Emergency Manager

Due to time concerns, Chief Nim Kidd provided a brief tour of the Emergency Operations Center.



John G. Clamp, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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