

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Municipal Plaza Room C

Members Present: Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, *Chair, District 7*
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*
Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*

Members Absent: Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Sharon De La Garza, *Assistant City Manager*; Nim Kidd, *District Fire Chief*; Richard Varn, *Chief Information Officer*; Hugh Miller, *Information Technology Services Director*; Geraldine Garcia, *Assistant Police Chief*; James Mendoza, *Assistant Emergency Manager*; Ray Torres, *Deputy Police Chief*; David Martinez, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Samuel Garcia, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*; Demond Fernandez, *WOAI*

Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the March 26, 2008 Meeting

Councilmember Clamp moved to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2008 Meeting. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of minutes from the April 9, 2008 Meeting

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes from the April 9 Meeting. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Items requiring individual briefing(s):

A. Discussion and presentation of a Council Consideration Request by Councilmember Diane Cibrian on the development of an Emergency Flooding Notification Program and a flood awareness public relations effort

Presented by District Chief Nim Kidd, Office of Emergency Management, San Antonio Fire Department

James Mendoza presented information regarding the development of the proposed San Antonio Flood Emergency System (SAFE) and cited an annual budget of approximately \$165,000. He detailed the System Components, Community Education, Public Service Announcements, SAFE Hotline, "Turn Around Don't Drown Campaign", and Warning Systems.

Councilmember Cibrian stated that the Director of Public Works had identified 31 Low-Water Crossings and stressed the importance of remediating and repairing those issues. She also cited accidents during water-rescue training exercises and suggested the exploration of alternative training exercises.

Councilmember Clamp admonished staff to make effective use of all possible existing components and try not to "recreate the wheel". Eric Walsh stated that the proposed System would remain in development for presentation during Budget Hearings.

B. Discussion and presentation on Regulated Metal Property Ordinance and possible amendments

Presented by Chief William McManus, San Antonio Police Department

Ray Torres presented information on a proposed amendment to Section 16 of the City Code regarding the sale and purchase for resale of Copper and other regulated metals. Councilmember Herrera expressed concern with the impact of unintended consequences to the community and asked if a pilot program could be implemented. Chairperson Rodriguez replied that the proposed amendment would have to be completely revised and directed staff to provide updates.

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

IV. Executive Session

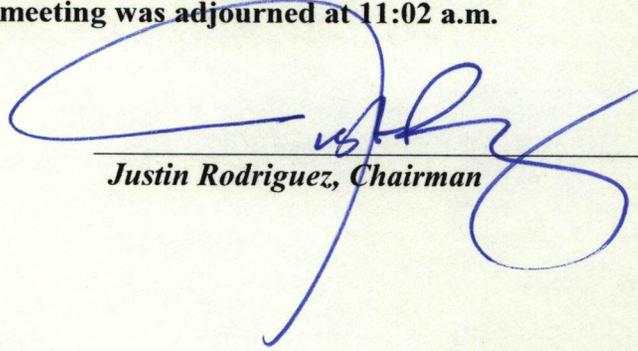
There were no items addressed.

V. Consideration of items for future meetings

Chairman Rodriguez requested a report regarding the Redistricting Plan, and Realignment. Councilmember Herrera requested information on Satellite Stations and on the issue of consolidating the Airport Police, Park Police and San Antonio Police Department.

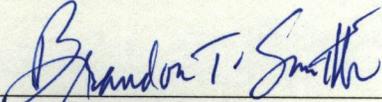
VI. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.



Justin Rodriguez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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

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