

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Municipal Plaza Room B

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*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Rodney Hitzfelder, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Daniel Martinez, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Earl Crayton, *Fire Marshal*; Harry Griffin, *Assistant Police Chief*; Joe Nino, *Deputy City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Chuck Weir, *Assistant City Attorney*; Savita Rai, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Christian Rove, *KTSA*; Marco Barros, *Tourism Council*; Bill Brendel; *SAMLA*; Orlando Hernandez; *Bexar County*

Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

2. Approval of minutes of the October 8, 2008 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Clamp moved to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2008 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the Committee addressed item 4.

4. Update on Teen Curfew Strategy

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Assistant Police Chief Harry Griffin provided information on the proposed plan to improve the effectiveness of San Antonio's Youth Curfew Ordinance. He proposed the following;

- ✓ Night curfew hours seven days a week
- ✓ Appropriate facility (Roy Maas Center) be used to take custody of juveniles until parents are located
- ✓ Maximize Enforcement
- ✓ Increase parental responsibility through regular curfew hours

Chief Griffin stated that curfew ordinance changes must pass constitutional scrutiny. He detailed a plan of action to establish a partnership with a facility licensed to accept responsibility for appropriate handling of juvenile violators and stated that a strengthened ordinance would be presented to the Public Safety Committee at the January 2009 meeting.

3. Prohibiting the rental of hotel/motel rooms for periods of less than 12 hours

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Police Chief William McManus provided information on the proposed ordinance to prohibit hotel owners or operators from renting guest rooms for periods of less than twelve hours or to advertise or publish hotel rates for periods of less than twelve hours. He noted that the proposed ordinance would broaden the San Antonio Police Department's ability to enforce laws against prostitution.

5. Presentation on Fireworks Ban Enforcement

Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief

Deputy Fire Chief David Martinez reported that the Fire Department would add additional staffing to address the increase call and incident volume during the New Year's celebration due to possible injuries and fires sustained through the use of fireworks. He provided a four-component Plan to address the enforcement of the Fireworks Ban: 1) Communication; 2) Fireworks Stand Patrol; 3) Neighborhood Monitoring; and 4) Fireworks Hotline.

6. Update on CAD/RMS Project

Presented by Richard Varn, Chief Operating Officer and Jeff Wood, Project Leader

Jeff Wood reported that staff was in negotiations with TriTech this week to finalize the contract after which, a detailed project and implementation schedule would be developed. He noted that full implementation of the project to take place in late 2010.

7. Dangerous Dogs Update

Presented by Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Andrew Smith reported that no legislation has been filed related to dangerous dogs or breed-specific dogs but the City of Duncanville and several other cities submitted a Resolution at the Texas Municipal League (TML) Conference in October 2008 that would give cities the authority to enact ordinances on breed-specific dogs. He noted that the resolutions were passed and that staff would monitor the TML Executive Committee's actions and report back to the Committee on possible actions for the City of San Antonio.

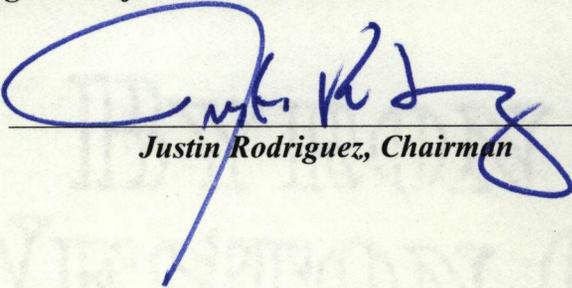
Chairman Rodriguez requested that staff meet with the Bexar County Delegation to possibly champion said issue and potentially sponsor a Bill.

8. Consideration of items for future meetings

- CAD System
- Crime Commission

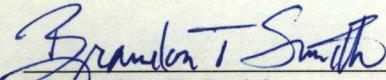
9. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.



Justin Rodriguez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk