

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2010
11:30 a.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*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Richard Varn, *Chief Information Officer*; Steve Gaffigan, *Information Technology Systems Assistant Director*; Rodney Hitzfelder, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Rick Burke, *Televate*; Mitra Kermani, *Allied Towing*; Les Julius, *Assured Towing*; Mark Hill, *Assured Towing*; Frank Burney, *Martin & Drought*; Buck Benson; *PCPB*; Pasha Kermani, *Allied Towing*; Sherry Kermani, *Allied Towing*; Robert Adelman, *Bexar County*; Bobby Perez, *Shelton-Valadez*

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 January 13, 2010 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2010 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing on U.S. Department of Homeland Security Public Safety Interoperability Grant

Presented by Steve Gaffigan, Information Technology Systems Assistant Director

Steve Gaffigan reported that the City of San Antonio had received a \$2.1 million Public Safety Interoperability Grant to provide funding to support a solution to incorporate 700 MHz public safety interoperable communications into the City's existing radio system. He added that it would allow enhanced communication with State and local first responders. He stated that the City had hired an independent consultant Televate, LLC,

to evaluate and make recommendations on vendor proposals from Motorola and Harris Corp. for a P25 700 MHz Radio System design and implementation. Rick Burke presented Televate's recommendation to proceed with the Harris Corp. proposal through the local distributor Dailey-Wells Communication.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the possible impact of the 700 MHz spectrum on other radio frequencies. Mr. Burke stated that the 700 MHz spectrum was exclusive to Public Safety and would have no effect on other radio frequencies. He added that any instance of operational interference could be corrected.

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

4. Update on Towing Services Contract

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Citizens to be Heard

Buck Benson stated that he represented Allied Towing and expressed concern with the assignment of Assured Towing to serve as back-up for one of the City's towing zones. He noted that Assured Towing had previously been suspended previously by the City and provided the Committee with a list of Assured's non-compliance issues.

Pasha Kermani, Allied Towing, informed the Committee that Assured Towing was utilizing non-contract towing services as back-up when Allied Towing had been designated to serve as back-up towing service. He noted that he later discovered that Texas Towing had been serving as the back-up towing service.

Mitra Kermani, Allied Towing, requested that the Committee review the towing zone assignments for contract compliance.

Frank Burney, representing Assured Towing, stated that Assured Towing had some operational issues and had been suspended by the City for a period time, but had since had a stellar performance record. He noted that Assured was in compliance with the contract and documentation has been provided as required by the contract.

Bobby Perez, representing Texas Towing, stated that there was a lease agreement between Texas Towing and Assured that had been approved by City Staff. He cited a heavy duty vehicle rollover that took Allied Towing over 10 hours to address with no results. He noted that Texas Towing was dispatched and resolved the incident within an hour. He asked that the Committee consider Texas Towing's dispatch record and response time and noted that the company strives to comply with the contract, work with City staff, and deliver service within a 30-minute time frame.

Chief William McManus stated that Assured Towing was suspended on October 14, 2009 and reinstated on November 1, 2009. He noted that Assured had maintained a 99% response rating since that time. He indicated that Associated Towing had been suspended and would be reinstated. He noted that all towing contractors were in compliance with the exception of Associated.

Erik Walsh clarified that this was Associated Towing's first suspension and they would provide a plan of action to address non-compliance issues.

Chief McManus indicated that the Finance Department was conducting a contract review of the Towing Services Contracts. Chairman Clamp stated that he would have an internal audit conducted after the completion of the review by the Finance Department.

Councilmember Taylor asked of the number of suspensions before a contract could be terminated. Mr. Walsh stated that a contract can be terminated without suspensions and noted that the current contract included a progression of disciplines. Ray Rodriguez clarified that the contract could be terminated with or without cause.

The Committee expressed concern with the administration of the Towing Services Contract.

5. Consideration of items for future meetings

Chairman Clamp requested the following items on the meeting agenda:

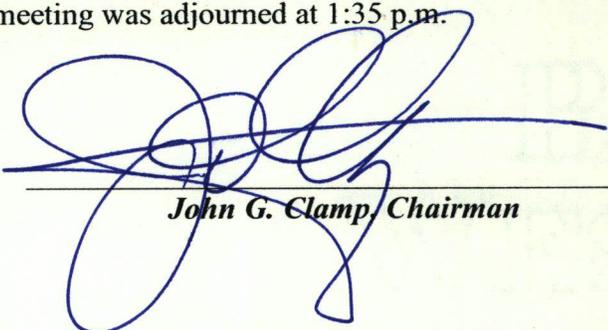
- Towing Services Contract Update
- Performance Measures

Chief McManus reported that 24 new officers would complete the police academy in the next class and that 24 officers would complete the academy toward the end of the year. He stated that the proposed plan for these particular new officers were to place them in projects regarding problem-oriented policing matters.

Mr. Walsh proposed a Graffiti Work Session for the March Committee Meeting and to schedule a special meeting to address additional agenda items. Councilmember Taylor requested to have a reformed graffiti tagger address the Committee.

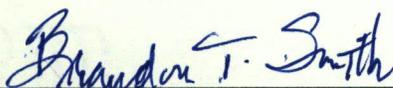
6. Adjournment

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



John G. Clamp, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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