

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday, April 9, 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*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief*; Peter Zanoni, *Budget Director*; Majed Al-Ghafry, *Public Works Director*; Fred Garcia, *Municipal Court Clerk*; David Head, *Assistant Police Chief*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Samuel Garcia, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Jerry Fuentes, *AT&T*; Jim Jamison, *AT&T*

Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the February 13, 2008 Meeting

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2008 meeting. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Items requiring individual briefing(s):

A. Discussion on a Low Water Crossing Pubic Relations and Education Campaign

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

Said item was pulled from the agenda.

B. Discussion on a ban on hand-held cell phones in school zones

Presented by Chief William McManus, San Antonio Police Department

Chief William McManus recommended that the Committee forward the proposed ordinance to the full Council for consideration after funding alternatives have been provided. Chairman Rodriguez requested clarification on the range of fines that would be assessed. Councilmember Clamp gave direction to add language exempting cell phone use while parked in a school zone. Jerry Fuentes, AT&T, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and recommended that signage depict a hand holding a cell phone to signify banned hand-held use.

Chairman Rodriguez directed staff to brief the Public Safety Committee Members individually and possibly the full Council regarding the cost issue prior to Council consideration.

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

III. Executive Session.

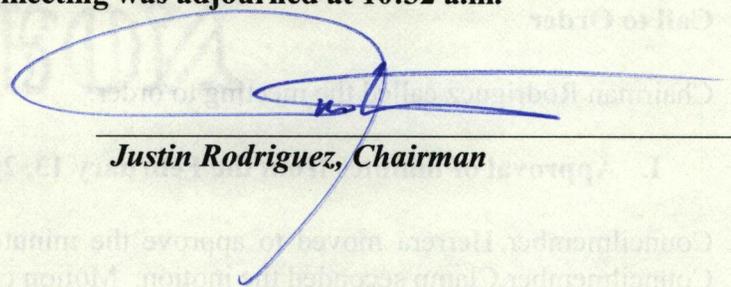
There were no items addressed.

IV. Consideration of items for future meetings.

Erik Walsh requested consideration of an additional Public Safety Committee Meeting at the end of the month to address the Police Staffing Plan and the Low Water Crossing Public Relations and Education Campaign.

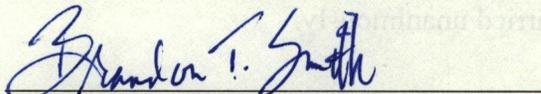
V. Adjournment.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.



Justin Rodriguez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk