

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

Thursday, June 12, 2008

8:00 a.m.

Municipal Plaza Room B

Members Present: Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, *Chair, District 7*
Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*
Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Bill Maddox, *Assistant Finance Director*; Geraldine Garcia, *Assistant Police Chief*; Nim Kidd, *District Fire Chief*; Charles Weir, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Sherry Shaw, *TAB*; George Alva, *TAB*; Mike Barnard, *TAB*;

Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the May 14, 2008 Meeting

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2008 Meeting. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Items requiring individual briefing(s):

A. Discussion and presentation of Transportation Advisory Board and Staff proposals on changes to taxicab rates

Presented by Chief William McManus, San Antonio Police Department

Bill Maddox provided a briefing on a proposed ordinance authorizing adjustments to the existing taxicab rates established in Chapter 33 of the City Code. He noted that City staff recommended support of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) proposed recommendations with several exceptions regarding the Airport Minimum Charge, fuel adjustment factor, and a comprehensive market analysis and rate study.

Erik Walsh reported that there were two vacancies and two expired terms on the Transportation Advisory Board and expressed concerns regarding appropriate Board representation. He recommended that staff return in August to address Co-op and Independent Taxicab Representation on the Board.

Councilmember Herrera moved to amend the proposed mileage rate increase from \$2.10 to \$2.15 and to forward staff recommendations to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Citizens to be Heard

Sherry Shaw, TAB Chair, expressed concern that the proposed mileage rate increase to \$2.15 may impose a hardship to seniors and individuals on a fixed income.

George Alva, TAB, expressed concern that the \$2.15 mileage rate increase may be too extensive and may cause many taxicabs to go out of business.

Mike Barnard, Yellow Cab President, stated that the impact on the average citizen should be considered. He noted that a rate increase to \$2.15 was extreme and could have an adverse affect on the taxicab industry.

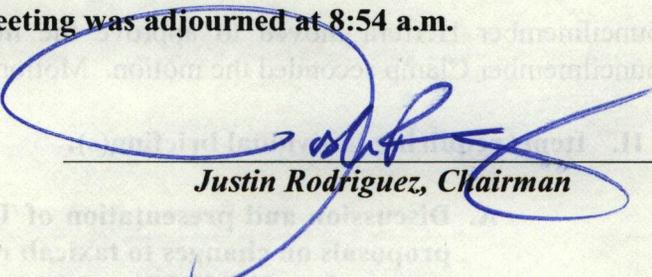
IV. Consideration of items for future meetings

Mr. Walsh proposed the following items:

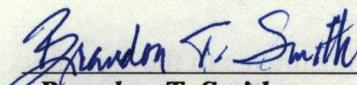
- ✚ Realignment of Substations
- ✚ Graffiti Awareness
- ✚ Review of Police Operations

V. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.


Justin Rodriguez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,


Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk