

**PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012  
12:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

**Members Present:** Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *Chair, District 5*  
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*  
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Jennifer V. Ramos, *District 3*

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**Staff Present:** Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Sharon De La Garza, *Assistant City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Jim Mery, *Interim Downtown Operations Director*; Thomas Schlenker, *Metro Health Director*; Charles Pruski, *Metro Health Assistant Director*; Anthony Muro, *Deputy Police Chief*; Dennis Rosenberry, *Police Department*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Stephen Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Frank Burney, *Fiesta Commission*; Evangelina Flores, *Fiesta Commission*

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**Call to Order**

Chairman D. Medina called the meeting to order.

**1. Citizens to be Heard**

There were no Citizens to Be Heard.

**2. Approval of minutes of the November 15, 2011 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Chan moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**3. Briefing and possible action on an Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking Within or Along the Street Parade Route During the Fiesta Parades**

Presented by Paula Stallcup, Downtown Operations Director

Jim Mery provided an overview of the revised ordinance prohibiting smoking within or along the street parade route during the Fiesta Battle of Flowers Parade, Fiesta Flambeau Parade, and Texas Cavaliers River Parade. He stated that staff recommended the policy to prohibit smoking within the public right-of-way and in any seats (whether paid or unpaid) within the public right of way or on city property along parade routes (both street and river parades). He stated that private property would not be subject to this ordinance.

He noted that the prohibition of smoking along the entire parade route was consistent with City policy to reduce smoking in public areas. He added that the Police Department and Metro Health Staff would be addressing issues as they may arise throughout the route.

Dr. Thomas Schlenker spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and stated that it was a great credit to the City that the City Council created the ground work to designate San Antonio a smoke-free city.

Councilmember Soules asked of the rationale for removing the footage limitation from the ordinance language. Michael Bernard responded that removing the footage limitation would appropriately address no smoking in the public right-of-way along the parade routes.

Councilmember Chan expressed concern with possible loop-holes within the ordinance and asked of the enforcement process. Chief McManus responded that enforcement would include a warning; followed by a citation should individuals fail to comply. Beyond that, an individual would be arrested.

Chairman D. Medina stated that he was comfortable with moving the proposed ordinance to the full Council and requested to review the draft prior to Council consideration.

Evangelina Flores, Fiesta Commission, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and thanked City Staff and the Committee for their work on the ordinance.

Erik Walsh stated that staff was prepared to present the proposed ordinance to the City Council on January 19, 2012 and would present said item to the Governance Council Committee as a briefing item for informational purposes only.

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

#### **4. Consideration of items for future meetings**

Councilmember Chan requested a briefing on Police Substation Redistricting; resource distribution; and how crimes are tackled.

Chairman D. Medina requested information on public options to provide crime tips to SAPD.

Councilmember Soules requested information regarding Park Police and to revisit emergency notifications to the hearing and sight impaired.

Mr. Walsh stated that a presentation on the Fire Department Review of Services by the Insurance Service Organization would be provided to the Committee.

**5. Adjournment**

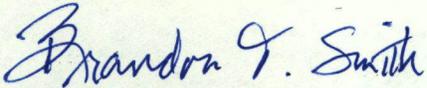
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.



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*David Medina, Jr., Chairman*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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*Brandon T. Smith  
Office of the City Clerk*