

## Public Safety Council Committee

### Minutes

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

10:00 a.m.

### Municipal Plaza Room B

**Members Present:** Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, *Chair, District 7*  
Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*  
Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*

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**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief*; Nim Kidd, *District Fire Chief*; Dennis Campa, *Community Initiatives Director*; Martha Sepeda, *1<sup>st</sup> Assistant City Attorney*; David Head, *Assistant Police Chief*; Ray Torres, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Charles Pruski, *Assistant Health Director*; Randy Jenkins, *District Fire Chief*; Melody Woosley, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Joe Nino, *Deputy City Attorney*; Robert Reyna, *Assistant City Attorney*; Kimberly Piechowiak, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Robert Crowe, *Express News*; Christine Bove, *KTSA-AM*

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### Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

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

Said item was not addressed due to lack of quorum.

#### II. Items requiring individual briefing(s):

##### A. Discussion on Domestic Violence Initiative

Presented by Chief William McManus San Antonio Police Department;  
Dennis Campa, Director, Department of Community Initiatives;  
Jose Nino, Deputy City Attorney

Erik Walsh stated that staff recommended that the Police Department, City Attorney's Office, and the Department of Community Initiatives coordinate efforts with the Family Justice Center and return to the Committee in May. Councilmember Cortez requested a listing of domestic violence cases by District to evaluate what services could be directed to those areas.

Chairman Rodriguez requested that Chief McManus ascertain if there were any possible initiatives regarding family violence that could be effectively added to the City's Legislative Agenda. He also requested exploring a Recidivism Study in relation to the effectiveness of the City's enforcement and prevention efforts.

**B. Discussion on Regulated Metal Property and potential amendments**  
Presented by Chief William McManus, San Antonio Police Department

Chief McManus informed the Committee of the proposed ordinance regarding the sale or receipt of Copper, Aluminum, Bronze, Brass, and other regulated metals. He noted that the next step was for staff to meet with prospective metal recycling licensees to inform them of the new responsibilities and receive their input. He stated that staff recommended presenting the proposed ordinance to the full Council for consideration.

Mr. Walsh stated that if there were no major deviations from the proposed ordinance after meeting with industry vendors, staff would brief the Committee Members individually and forward said item to the full Council for consideration. He noted that if there were issues to be addressed, staff would return said item back to the Public Safety Committee. Chairman Rodriguez requested Committee consideration of said item at the May Committee meeting.

**III. Executive Session.**

There were no items addressed.

**IV. Consideration of items for future meetings.**

**A. Low Water Crossing Public Relations and Education Campaign**

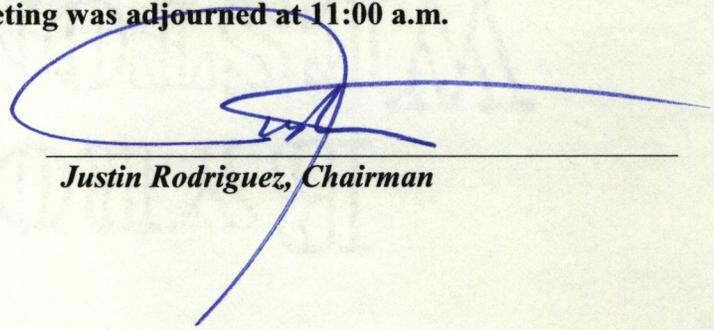
District Fire Chief Nim Kidd recommended that a proposed public awareness campaign should serve as a public notification system and a method to contact and educate the public. He noted that staff would continue to refine the proposed item and return to the Committee in April 2008.

**B. Hand-held cell phone ban in school zones**

Chairman Rodriguez requested a presentation on a proposed ordinance based on what was done in Dallas and other communities at the April Committee meeting.

**V. Adjournment.**

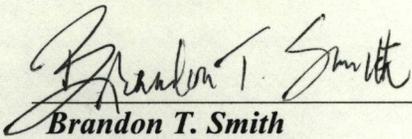
**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.**



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***Justin Rodriguez, Chairman***

***Respectfully Submitted,***



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***Brandon T. Smith  
Office of the City Clerk***