

**PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

1:30 PM

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*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief*; Maria Villagomez, *Budget & Management Director*; Kevin Barthold, *Interim City Auditor* Carl Wedge, *Assistant Fire Chief*; Janae Florance, *Assistant Police Chief*; Lawrence Trevino, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Melody Woosley, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Robert Reyna, *Assistant City Attorney*; Leslie Haby, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Chris Steele, *SAFFA*; Will Allen, *UTHSCSA*; Judith Wallace, *UTHSCSA*; Lance Villers, *UTHSCSA*; Craig Manhold, *UTHSCSA*; Emily Kidd, *UTHSCSA*; Bill Brendel, *Crockett Hotel*

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 April 27, 2011 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Medina moved to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2011 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Update on Emergency Medical Service Education/Medical Oversight Consultant Services

Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Charles Hood reported that the Ludwig Group, LLC provided approximately 20 options for consideration regarding Emergency Medical Service (EMC) Education Delivery, Medical Direction, Quality Assurance, and Quality Improvement. He noted that stakeholders were reviewing the report for any necessary revisions. He noted that staff recommended a one-year extension of the City's agreement with the University of

Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio (UTHSCSA) for EMS Training Services. He added that staff would review recommendations from the stakeholder group and report back to the Public Safety Council Committee.

Chairman Clamp asked of the number of stakeholder group members. Chief Hood responded that the stakeholders group was comprised of 20 members.

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

4. CCR- Consideration of a Review of the Alarm Permit Fees Management and Fiscal Requirements

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Dennis Rosenberry reported that a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting privatization of alarm permits and service fee operations was released on April 19, 2011 and would close in two weeks. He provided an overview of the RFP requirements and stated staff would continue to follow-up on false alarms. He cited a reformatted cost analysis that more accurately aligned revenues and expenses.

In response to Chairman Clamp, Mr. Rosenberry clarified that the RFP focused mainly on revenue collection. Mr. Rosenberry indicated that once the RFP responses have been received, a cost analysis will be conducted to determine feasibility. He stated that there was a possibility of developing a hybrid program that would involve a private firm and City Staff.

Erik Walsh reiterated that the RFP would close in two weeks and that meetings were being organized with the Alarm Industry. He stated that regardless of the direction taken, the Alarm Ordinance needed to be updated. He noted that the goal is to remove SAPD from alarm permit fee revenue collection and to forward those efforts to either a private firm, city automation, or to the Alarm Industry. Mr. Rosenberry stated that final recommendations would be made in August, 2011.

5. Briefing on Competitive Bid Process for Horse Drawn Carriage Permits

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Mr. Rosenberry reported that an RFP was being developed to solicit competitive proposals for horse carriage operations. He stated that current horse carriage operators and the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) would be given an opportunity to provide input for RFP development. He noted that the target release date was mid-July and that the process would take approximately 90-120 days. He indicated that the final contract would be presented for City Council consideration in mid-October. He stated that staff was coordinating with Downtown Operations on a traffic impact assessment to determine if the assessment could be included as part of the comprehensive Downtown Transportation Study being commissioned. He noted that staff recommended continuing with the RFP process and updating the Public Safety Council Committee as appropriate.

6. Briefing on Non-Consent Towing Ordinance

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Deputy Chief Ray Torrez reported that staff recommended continuing development on final recommendations for Non-Consent Towing Ordinance revisions. He stated that the proposed revisions would be used to restrict the non-consent tows within city limits and also help prevent many of the abuses by the various towing companies. He noted that staff would present revisions to the Public Safety Council Committee when finalized. If approved, recommendations would be forwarded to the City Council for consideration in September, 2011.

Mr. Walsh informed the Committee that some of the fee revisions would be rolled into the budget process.

7. Update on Towing Services Contract

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Mr. Rosenberry provided an overview of the Towing Services Contract quarterly update since February 23, 2011. He indicated that Allied, Assured, and Texas Towing maintained a successful response time performance rating and that Associated Towing Service (ATS) did not maintain a successful rating. He stated that ATS has had three consecutive months of a response time rating below 98% and staff was currently reviewing a 40-day suspension option. Mr. Walsh explained that this was the second suspension for ATS and that another infraction would be more severe than a suspension.

In response to Councilmember Lopez, Mr. Rosenberry responded that Assured Towing would cover the service area for ATS during the suspension. Councilmember Lopez asked of Assured's geographic location and how their response time rating would be affected while covering the ATS service area. Mr. Rosenberry responded that Assured was the back-up towing service for ATS and that Assured Towing was very close to the service area.

8. Update on SMART Initiative

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Assistant Police Chief Janae Florance provided an overview of the Strategic Management to Accelerate Response Times (SMART) Initiative. She reported that the SMART Initiative was developed to improve police response times to serious calls for service, and also developed alternative ways to handle routine calls in order to decrease the time an officer spent on scene. She stated that the program was comprised of several components that help accomplish the following goals: online reporting, forwarding of non-related police calls to 311, and alternative ways to handle private property accidents.

In response to Councilmember Medina, Chief Florance clarified that a savings of over 134,000 man hours had been realized. She stated that she did not have the specific number of complaints filed and noted that she would provide the information to the City Council.

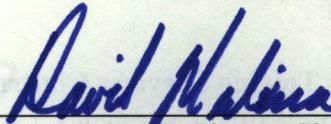
Chairman Clamp asked of the impact on response times. Chief McManus responded that with the implementation of the new CAD System, more accurate response times would be forthcoming.

9. Consideration of items for future meetings

There were no items addressed.

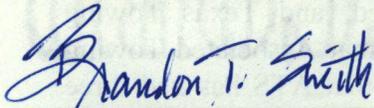
10. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



John G. Clamp, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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