

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2009
10:00 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*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief*; Harry Griffin, *Assistant Police Chief*; Jeff Humphrey, *Deputy Police Chief*; Mike Burns, *Deputy Police Chief*; Fred Garcia, *Municipal Court Clerk*; Joe Nino, *Deputy City Attorney*; Robert Reyna, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

2. Approval of minutes of the April 8, 2009 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2009 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. First Public Hearing on the continuation and modification of the City's Youth Curfew Ordinance

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Chairman Rodriguez opened the First Public Hearing on the continuation and modification of the City's Youth Curfew Ordinance.

There were no testimonies.

Chairman Rodriguez closed the Public Hearing.

4. Quarterly briefing on CAD/RMS Project

Presented by Richard Varn, Chief Operating Officer and Jeff Wood, Project Leader

Jeff Wood presented a project management chart and addressed the following project areas: System Hierarchy, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Demonstration of Licensed Functionality (DOLF) scheduled for June 2009. He reported that the project was on schedule and within budget.

Chairman Rodriguez requested clarification regarding computerized report writing. Mr. Wood stated that computerized report writing would be completed in 2011. He noted that staff would work to accelerate that process once the Computer Aided Design (CAD) System had been finalized.

In response to Councilmember Clamp, Chief Hood stated that the system would accelerate response time and provide better routing and screening of calls.

5. Briefing on SMART Initiative

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Jeff Humphrey provided an update on the Strategic Management for Accelerated Response Times (SMART) Initiative. He stated that the ultimate goal was to integrate with the CAD System and reduce response time. He noted that the initiative would allow the public to report certain crimes online or by filling out a "self-report" at a substation and expanding use of the N-Code reporting system.

It was the consensus of the Committee that staff educate the public on the results and purpose of the SMART Initiative and acknowledge the effort to accelerate response time and focus on instances requiring immediate attention.

6. Briefing on Fire Initiatives

Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief

Chief Hood provided a Fire Initiatives update and presented the following recommendations:

- ✦ Continue Medical Service Delivery Enhancements and make necessary adjustments to ensure continued effectiveness.
- ✦ Proceed with detailing the three Assistant Chiefs to Firefighting and initiate applicable training to yield safe, consistent operational practices for San Antonio's Firefighters.
- ✦ Review committee recommendations regarding the Basic Life Support (BLS) Transport Program, make appropriate adjustments, and continue to communicate with the Firefighter's Union on BLS decisions.

Councilmember Clamp asked of a partnership with the Police Department on helicopter coverage. Chief Hood referenced downlink video from the Police Department helicopter and stated that the Fire Department had established a good relationship with Channels Five (5) and Twelve (12) to provide footage for training purposes. He noted that the Fire Department had a videographer and that video recorders had been installed in officer command vehicles.

Councilmember Clamp asked of street striping to designate fire hydrants. Chief Hood reported that street striping had been implemented in the Dominion and noted that the new CAD System would display every fire hydrant.

7. Briefing on Downtown Cameras Pilot Program
Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Chief Manus reported that the Downtown Camera Pilot Program was implemented one week ago and that seven arrests had been made. He stated that the cameras were monitored at the Downtown Bike Patrol Office by volunteers. He noted that Police Asset Forfeiture Funds were used to purchase and install the cameras at a cost of \$5,900.00 per camera. He noted that staff would report back to the Public Safety Council Committee in 90 days on the effectiveness of the program.

8. Briefing on Handheld Cell Phones in School Zones Pilot Program
Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Deputy Chief Mike Burns reported that the Cell Phone Prohibition in School Zones Pilot Program was implemented in 18 school zones. He stated that a total of 945 citations had been issued from November 3, 2009 through April 21, 2009. He noted that there were 1,600 school zones in the City of San Antonio and that the cost to expand the program throughout the City would be \$896,000

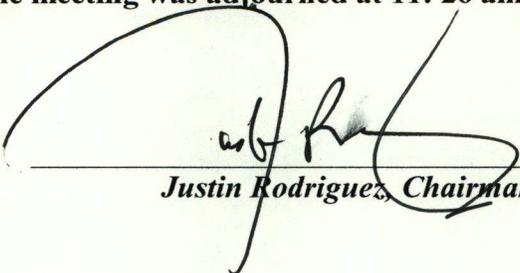
Chairman Rodriguez stated that there should be continued review of the pilot program for at least one year before expansion was considered.

9. Consideration of items for future meetings

- ✦ Municipal Court Update
- ✦ Crime Commission Restructure

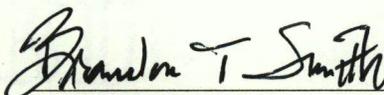
10. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11: 26 am.



Justin Rodriguez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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