



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 4, 2011**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 4, 2011 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Aman Bandali
Sam Holt (Late – Arrived at approximately 4:07 PM)
Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Kim Rossmo
Ramey Ko (Late – Arrived at approximately 4:07 PM)

Board Members not in Attendance:

Moses Saldana

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 03/07/2011 were approved on Commission Member Levy's motion, Commission Member Bandali's second on a 4-0 vote with Commission Members Holt, Ko, and Saldana not present.

2. Citizen Communications

- a. Heather Fazio, citizen – Asking about AIRIC privacy policy for juveniles during citizen communications and spoke again on Police Classification Ordinance after discussion of item 3a.
- b. Debbie Russell, Center for Peace and Justice – Asking about less officers and additional Detectives after discussion of item 3a.
- c. Lonnie Anderson, West Austin resident – Asking about additional patrols v. hiring off duty officers after discussion of item 3a.

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3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Continuing discussion for Comprehensive Crime Statistics re: Burglary – David Carter, APD Chief of Staff, Patti Robinson APD Assistant Chief, and Dr Ronnelle Paulsen, Manager Planning and Analysis:
 - 1) Chief Carter discussed clearance rate comparisons, updated clearance rates for APD, recentralization of burglary investigations, and Detective staffing.
 - 2) Dr. Paulsen presented the updated APD statistics and discussed process improvements for documentation.
 - 3) Chief Robinson discussed “Top Offender” program fast tracking prosecutions for burglaries.

4. Briefings and Updates

- a. City of Austin Public Safety Department budgets background briefing in preparation for budget discussions in May: Dr. Ronnelle Paulsen, APD Manager Planning and Analysis. Alice Suter, APD Assistant Director, Amy Singer, AFD Assistant Director, John Ralston EMS Assistant Director.

Dr Paulsen – power point presentation with the following topics:

- 1) Budget Process Overview
 - 2) Existing Resources
 - 3) Demographic Trends
 - 4) New Resources
 - 5) Other Resources
- b. Legal Updates per Commissioners request regarding “Open Container Law and Alcohol Consumption Ordinance” and “Taxi Cab Ordinance” – David Douglas, Asst. City Attorney, City of Austin.

Commission was neutral with no recommendation for Council.

- c. Briefing regarding temporary Victim Services positions to permanent. – Patti Robinson, APD Assistant Chief – Investigations Bureau, Gina Curtis, APD Acting Commander and Kachina Clark, APD Acting Manager Victim Services LMSW:

Record of Action: To make four grant funded victim services positions full time City of Austin Employees. Motion made by Commission Member Levy, seconded by Commission Member Rossmo. Motion passed 6-0.

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5. Future Agenda Items

- a. May Public Safety Commission meeting will focus on Public Safety Department budgets.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Commission Member Levy, 2nd by Commission Member Rossmo.

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