



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 6, 2011**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 6, 2011 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Aman Bandali
Ramey Ko (Arrived at approximately 4:31 pm)
Kim Rossmo
Moses Saldana, Sr.

Board Members not in Attendance:

Sam Holt

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 05/02/2011 were approved on Commissioner Bandali's motion, Commissioner Rossmo's second on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Ko and Commissioner Holt not present.

2. Citizen Communications

- a. Jennifer Elliot – Pub Crawler of Austin, requested an exemption to City Ordinance related to “Open Container Law and Alcohol Consumption Ordinance” and “Taxi Cab Ordinance”
- b. Mary Arnett – Citizen Led Austin Safety Partnership, commented on possible APD staffing cuts related to overtime and call takers.

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3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Austin Police Department presentation on potential budget reduction strategies presentation – Chief of Staff David Carter, APD Assistant Director Alice Suter, APD Manager Planning and Analysis Ronnelle Paulsen
 - 1) PowerPoint presentation, back up material archived
 - 2) The Board expressed grave reservations on cuts to the proposed areas and expressed concern on the effects on neighborhoods and the Department’s ability to control “hot spots” in crime trends. A motion was made by Commissioner Levy not recommending the reduction in police overtime by \$1.2 million, nor to delay the hiring of 47 new police positions for a six-month period. In addition, staffing for 911 should not be reduced. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rossmo and approved on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Holt was absent. *Due to an error on the Agenda stating, “No Action Items at this time” this motion was withdrawn and will be addressed by the Commission during the July meeting.*
- b. Austin Fire Department potential budget reduction strategies presentation – Chief of Staff Harry Evans, Assistant Director Amy Singer
 - 1) PowerPoint presentation, back up material archived
- c. Austin – Travis County Emergency Medical Services budget reduction strategies presentation – Chief of Staff James Shamard, Assistant Director John Ralston
 - 1) PowerPoint presentation, back up material archived

4. Briefings and Updates

- a. APD Burglary Investigation Update and Operation Example – Chief of Staff David Carter
 - 1) Presentation, back up material archived

5. Future Agenda Items

- a. Labor Association Presidents response to proposed budget cuts to Public Safety
- b. AFD preparedness for wild land fires
- c. EMS presentation on Community Health Paramedic Program
- d. 911 Staffing update – Communications Manager Marcia Brooks
- e. Update on UHNA Group Home Task Force and status of joint meetings with the City of Austin

6. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Levy, 2nd by Commissioner Ko.

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