



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 4, 2012**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 4, 2012 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kent Anschutz
Sam Holt
Ramey Ko
Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Kim Rossmo

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 05/07/2012 were approved on Commissioner Holt's motion, Commissioner Rossmo's second on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Ko not present.¹

2. Citizen Communications

- a. Antonio Buehler, Austin Citizen, spoke regarding police misconduct and provided anecdotal information on recent police interactions.
- b. Deirdre Darrouzet, Austin attorney, spoke following item 3.a. below, and discussed her interaction on the investigation as a defense attorney for one of the defendants.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Yogurt Shop Murders Discussion and Resolution to City Council
Commissioner Rossmo presented information to the Commission regarding his desire to put forth a resolution to council. Following discussion, Commissioner Rossmo made a motion to put forth the following resolution: "That the Austin Public Safety Commission recommends to City Council that during the upcoming budget cycle they set aside money and develop a process for special funding for external reviews of select unsolved cold cases; and, that the Yogurt Shop Murders be the first such case considered for review funding."

¹ Commissioner Ko arrived late for the meeting and was not present for this vote.

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Commissioner Levy seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a 5-0 vote, with Commissioner Lauderdale abstaining from the vote. Backup material archived.

b. Wildland Fire Update and Resolution to City Council

AFD Chief of Staff Harry Evans presented information to the Commission regarding the resolution, and Commissioner Levy provided copy of a resolution to city council on the matter. Commissioner Levy made a motion to put forth the resolution to City Council. Prior to vote, Commissioner Ko offered a substitute motion that the matter be tabled until such time as all items on the resolution could be considered. Commissioner Ko's motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Ko then offered a second substitute motion that item #6 and item #8 on the resolution be modified. Commissioner Anschutz seconded the motion. The motion failed on a 3-2 vote, with Commissioner Holt abstaining from the vote. Commissioners then took up the original motion by Commissioner Levy to put forth the resolution as originally made. Commissioner Holt seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Ko voting against, and Commissioner Anschutz abstaining from the vote. Backup material archived.

c. Presentation of the City of Austin General Fund – Budget Officer Ed Van Eenoo. Backup material archived.

d. Presentation of the Austin Fire Department Budget – Chief of Staff Harry Evans and Assistant Director Ronnelle Paulsen. Backup material archived.

e. Presentation of the Austin Police Department Budget – Chief of Staff David Carter and Assistant Director Alice Suter.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Levy made a motion to recommend that the following items on “Unmet Needs” be put forth to City Council as budget recommendations: ARIC sustainability, Conversion of grant funded positions, and Communications staffing. Commissioner Rossmo offered a friendly amendment to the motion to add Detective upgrades to that list. Commissioner Holt also offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include Replacement of training funds. Both friendly amendments were accepted by Commissioner Levy. Commissioner Holt seconded the motion, and motion passed on a unanimous 6-0 vote. Backup material archived.

f. Presentation of the Emergency Services Department Budget – EMS Chief of Staff James Shamard and Assistant Director John Ralston

Following the presentation, Commissioner Levy made a motion to recommend that unmet need “Cardiac Monitors” be put forth to City Council as a budget recommendation. Commissioner Ko seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. Backup material archived.

4. Briefings and Updates

- a. No other briefings occurred.

5. Possible Agenda Items for July Meeting

- a. Commissioner Levy requested a future agenda item to discuss EMS staffing and reduction of EMS response times.
- b. Commissioner Levy requested a future agenda item to discuss the possibility of extending the City's “Sit/Lie” ordinance to portions of East Austin.

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6. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned.

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