



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 2022**

The PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE convened in a hybrid format meeting on March 28, 2022 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Committee Vice Chair Kelly called the committee meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Committee Chair Harper-Madison, Committee Member Ellis and Committee Member Vela were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sponsors: Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Mackenzie Kelly

The motion approving the minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting of the Public Safety Committee was passed on Council Member Ellis' motion, seconded by Council Member Vella, without objection, with a 4-0 vote.

BRIEFING

2. Introduction of Robert Luckrtiz as new Chief of Emergency Medical Services.

Sponsors: Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Paige Ellis

EMS Chief Robert Luckrtiz introduced himself.

3. Report on use of THC by first responders.

Sponsors: Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Mackenzie Kelly

Assistant City Manager, Rey Arellano presented on the subject.

4. Report on City infrastructure resiliency protocols and processes relate to winterization.

Sponsors: Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Paige Ellis

Request from staff to postpone to next meeting. With no objection, item 4 is postponed.

5. Report on discharge from the Austin Samsung Semiconductor facility and follow up actions.

Sponsors: Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Mackenzie Kelly

Katie Coyne and Ryan Hebrink from Watershed Protection Department, and Yvonne Espinoza and Scott Stookey from Austin Fire Department presented on the subject.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Discuss and recommend judicial appointments to the City of Austin Municipal Court.

Sponsors: Council Member Josè ‘Chito’ Vela, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison

Motion to approve the recommendations of the judicial review panel to recommend Gordon Karchmer, Richard Olivo, and Rae-Ann Allong as substitute judges was passed on Council Member Kelly’s motion, seconded by Council Member Vella, without objection, with a 4-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discuss candidates for judicial appointments to the City of Austin Municipal Court (Personnel matters – Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

Sponsors: Council Member Josè ‘Chito’ Vela, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison

Future Items

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.