



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 11, 2010**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 11, 2010 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Aman Bandali
Sam Holt
Ramey Ko
Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Kim Rossmo

Board Members not in Attendance:

Moses Saldana, Jr

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 06/07/2010 were postponed on Commission Chair Lauderdale's motion, Commission Member Rossmo's second on a 6-0 vote with Commission Member Saldana not present.

2. Citizen Communications

- a. No citizens were signed up under Citizen Communications.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. A motion to approve the revised bylaws as directed by City Council in action taken on July 29, 2010, concerning officer terms was approved on Commission Member Ko's motion, Commission Member Bandali's second on a 6-0 vote with Commission Member Saldana not present.
- b. A motion to approve the nomination to appoint Michael Lauderdale to a 2nd term as the Chair of the Public Safety Commission was approved on Commission Vice Chair Levy's motion, Commission Member Holt's second on a 6-0 vote with Commission Member Saldana not present.
- c. A motion to approve the nomination to appoint Michael Levy to a 2nd term as the Vice Chair of the Public Safety Commission was approved on Commission Member Bandali's motion, Commission Chair Lauderdale's second on a 6-0 vote with Commission Member Saldana not present.

- d. A motion to select the Public Safety Commission Meeting Dates 2010-2011 starting with September 2010 until December 2010. Meeting Dates will be as follows: September 13, 2010 (moved due to the City Observed Holiday on September 6, 2010); October 4, 2010; November 1, 2010; and December 6, 2010.
- e. Transportation Director Rob Spiller, Austin Association of Professional Firefighters President Bob Nicks and Austin/Travis county Employees Association President Steve Stewart briefed the Public Safety Commission on traffic signal preemption devices to enable EMS and Fire units to use on emergency calls to safety navigate and expeditiously get through several congested intersections. The Commission suggested that a Task Force be set up to include AFD, EMS and Transportation Department employees to examine detailed key points of the program to add a sense of urgency.
- f. Joan Bartz, representative of the University Hills (not Heights as mentioned in the agenda) Neighborhood Association, addressed the concerns of the disabled group home epidemic in Austin Texas and how the expense weighs on public service resources/responses. An invitation was extended to Mrs. Bartz to present her report when a final consideration to City Council is being considered.
 - a. Al Webber spoke in favor of this item and the need to regulate boarding homes in Austin.
- g. Austin Police Department Forensics Manager Bill Gibbons addressed the DNA Lab Update. Commission Member Ko recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais. Mr. Gibbons addressed allegations made by a former APD DNA Lab employee.
- h. APD Commander Brian Manley discussed the Austin Police Department's future cadet class and application for 50 additional officers through the COPS grant.
- i. Commission Chair Lauderdale requested that staff make grant files available to the public through the Boards and Commissions website. APD Planning Unit Supervisor, Yuki Miyamoto presented active and proposed grant applications for the Police Department.

6. Adjournment