



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
*Monday, March 2, 2015***

The Public Safety Commission convened a regular meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kim Rossmo called the Commission Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Dr. Kim Rossmo, Chair
Sam Holt, Vice Chair
Michael Levy, Vice Chair
Kent Anschutz
Dr. Michael Lauderdale
Rebecca Webber

Commission Members not in Attendance:

Reynaldo Moreno

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the regular meeting on 02/02/15 were approved on Commissioner Lauderdale's motion, Commissioner Webber's second and a vote of 5-0. Vice Chair Levy and Commissioner Moreno were not on the dais.

2. Citizen Communications

- Pat Johnson, President of Texas Towing Compliance – spoke on towing contract issues
- Andrew Bucknall – shared a Resolution from the Austin Neighborhoods Council regarding body cameras worn by active duty officers.
- Mary Ingle, President of the Austin Neighborhoods Council – spoke in support of the City acquiring body cameras for police officers.
 - Austin Police Chief of Staff Brian Manley responded and updated the Commission on the Department's efforts in researching body camera technology. APD will present on this project at a later date. Commissioner Lauderdale and Chair Rossmo both provided brief comment.

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3. Discussion and Possible Action Items**a. Resolution Honoring Austin Fire Department Retired Chief of Staff Harry Evans**

- Chair Rossmo gave brief remarks and presented a commemorative plaque in recognition of Chief Evans. Chief Evans also shared brief remarks of his own.

b. Austin Police Department Use of Forfeitures

- Chief Manley gave a brief presentation on APD forfeitures, discussing the process for allocating monies and approving purchases.
- Commissioner Anschutz followed up with questions for clarification, specifically regarding the source of forfeitures.
- At the request of Commissioner Anschutz, APD will follow up electronically with additional information.

c. Impact of Drought Conditions on Public Safety

- Meteorologist Troy Kimmel discussed the status of El Nino and reviewed the weather conditions that are expected for spring/summer 2015.
- Mr. Kimmel also shared rainfall figures for 2015 and how this information is related to drought relief projections. There continues to be little projected relief ahead.
- Commissioners followed up with a brief question and answer (Q/A) period.

d. Criteria for Dispatching the Austin Fire Department with Emergency Medical Services on Medical Calls

- Dr. Paul Hinchey, Austin/Travis County Medical Director, presented on system dispatch criteria, sharing how that criteria has evolved over time, and across jurisdictions.
- Dr. Hinchey also presented on Systematic Stepwise Review, a three-phase project specific to Austin that began in 2012. Dr. Hinchey shared findings and the impact of changes to date.

e. Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Staffing

- Department sworn vacancy numbers were provided to the Commission. Assistant Director Kerri Lang and Assistant Chief Jasper Brown were available to address questions of the Commission.
- Commissioners followed up with a brief question and answer (Q/A) period.

4. Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items

- Chair Rossmo asked to revisit EMS staffing, as well as discuss APD SWAT, militarization of policing, and body cameras at a future meeting.
- Commissioner Lauderdale inquired about the success of the City's recent hands-free legislation, and asked if the Commission and/or public can be updated on the topic monthly. Chief Manley committed to providing the Commission with a monthly update on citation figures related to the hands-free ordinance.
- Chair Rossmo noted that forecasting future agenda items may be impacted by the forthcoming structural changes to the Commission.

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5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Anschutz, seconded by Vice Chair Holt. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.