



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 6, 2015**

The Public Safety Commission convened a regular meeting on Monday, April 6, 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
Michael Levy, Vice Chair
Kent Anschutz
Dr. Michael Lauderdale
Reynaldo Moreno
Rebecca Webber

Commission Members not in Attendance:

Sam Holt, Vice Chair

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the regular meeting on 03/02/15 were approved on Commissioner Moreno's motion, Commissioner Webber's second and a vote of 6-0. Vice Chair Holt was not in attendance.

2. Citizen Communications

- Alan Roddy – spoke on LCRA “No Wake” Rule and concerns with City enforcement
- Scott Johnson – provided update on the City's enforcement of the Distracted Driving Ordinance, showed City of Austin Distracted Driving PSA video

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

a. Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Working Group

- This item was postponed from the dais, pending reschedule.

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b. Austin Police Department Body Cameras

- Commander Ely Reyes provided the Commission with an update on the use of APD body cameras. He spoke specifically to issues concerning data storage, available technologies, and next steps regarding the RFP/vendor selection process for the possible future purchase of body cameras.
- Cmdr. Reyes also spoke briefly on the department's long-term body camera deployment plan and pending state legislation on the use of body cameras.
- The Commission expressed an interest in discussing a possible resolution to the City Council at a future meeting.
- Commissioners followed up with a brief question and answer (Q/A) period.

c. Austin Police Department Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) Policies and Protocols/Militarization

- APD Chief of Staff Brian Manley introduced the item and spoke briefly to the militarization of APD SWAT units.
- Commander Todd Gage provided more specific information, giving an overview of the APD SWAT Team, its uses, protocol and deployment practices. He also provided call statistics and a briefing on the Federal 10-33 Program.
- Commissioners followed up with a brief question and answer (Q/A) period, and requested additional information on types of occurrences needing SWAT (call types) and the level of force used at each occurrence.

d. Authorized Strength/Over Hiring

- APD Chief of Staff Brian Manley discussed APD challenges with meeting authorized strength and staffing levels.
- AFD Assistant Chief Brian Tanzola provided the same information for AFD, giving a brief overview of AFD's staffing model and the challenges associated with it.
- EMS Chief of Staff James Shamard did the same for EMS.
- Commissioners followed up with a brief question and answer (Q/A) period, and requested additional information on use of overtime. This will be added for consideration for future agendas.
- Three speakers signed up and spoke during the Citizen Communications portion of the item. Those speakers were Gus Pena, Stephanie Cunningham, and Tony Marquardt.

e. Vision Zero Taskforce

- Francis Reilly, Planner for the City of Austin, provided a brief overview of the City's Vision Zero Task Force. Through collaboration with the Austin Police Department and other key partners, the task force is seeking to achieve zero deaths and zero serious injury while traveling in Austin.
- Mr. Reilly described the current use of similar programs in other cities and states where this approach has been adopted. The goal of the task force is to forward a policy recommendation to City Council this year.

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- Chair Rossmo appointed Vice Chair Levy to represent the Public Safety Commission on the task force.

4. Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items

- Commissioner Anschutz requested an item be added to discuss the City’s legal opinion regarding city enforcement of LCRA’s “No Wake” Rule on Lake Austin.
- Vice Chair Levy requested an item be added on a future agenda to consider a resolution to City Council regarding the use of APD body cameras.
- Chair Rossmo requested an item be added regarding the use of overtime.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lauderdale, seconded by Commissioner Anschutz. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.