Public Safety Committee **REGULAR MEETING**
MINUTES **November 30, 2015**

The Public Safety Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 301 W. Second St. in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Zimmerman called the Board Meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

COMMITEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Don Zimmerman, Chair; Greg Casar, Vice Chair; Ora Houston

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   The Committee approved the minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting on a motion made by Council Member Casar, seconded by Council Member Houston, motion passed 3/0, with Council Member Pool off the dais.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. **DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT SUBSTITUTE JUDGES AND ASSOCIATE JUDGES (PERSONNEL EXCEPTION - SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE).**
   Council Members went into closed session and discussed matters related to this item. Once they came out of Executive Session without objection, Council Members decided to discuss Item 4 before going on to Item 3.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2016 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CALENDAR**
   Chair Zimmerman recited the monthly proposed dates for 2016 and Council Members deliberated options for 2016 meeting dates.
   Motion: Council Member Casar motioned to approve the 2016 Calendar with meetings occurring in odd months, (January, March, May, September, November), and keeping a placeholder for the other months in case they need to meet, seconded by Council Member Houston; motion moved 3/0, with Council Member Pool off the dais.

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4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT SUBSTITUTE JUDGES AND ASSOCIATE JUDGES.**
   There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on December 11, 2015 with plans to have a recommendation on the positions in time for the December 17th full Council meeting.

5. **4:30 PM STAFF BRIEFING, INVITED TESTIMONY, AND POLICY DISCUSSION REGARDING SIGN ORDINANCE FOR ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**
   - Chris Johnson with the Development Services Department was introduced by Assistant City Manager Arellano. Mr. Johnson provided an overview and PowerPoint Presentation of Off-Premise Sign Regulations in Austin.
   - Gerard Kenney, President of Scenic Austin, *Against* Billboards and Smart Digital Signage. His group does want to be involved in a full discussion on this topic as the city goes forward in their review.
   - Russ Horton, Sign On Austin, *For* - Off-Premise smart digital signage. He shared a video to show what digital media looks like. Mr. Horton recommended that Council move to approve digital signs in Austin.
   - Assistant City Manager Rey Arellano commented that in order to make the changes to the current Ordinance will require coordination from several departments including: Law, Development Services, Planning and Zoning, and Code. This is a large effort and we will look to Council as a whole for direction.
   - Reviewed off-premise signs versus on-premise signs.
   - Feedback from Planning Commission hearings and stakeholders meetings will need to be received.

Motion: Council Member Houston moved to forward a recommendation to full Council to consider direction that would ensure digital billboards are considered as a part of the CodeNEXT Land Development Code re-write process, seconded by Council Member Casar; motion passed 3/0, with Committee Member Pool off the dais.

Motion: Chair Zimmerman moved that the Committee forward to Council an agenda item regarding the potential digital billboard code ordinance amendments, without Committee recommendation, seconded by Council Member Houston; motion passed 3/0, with Council Member Pool off the dais.

6. **4:50 PM STAFF BRIEFING, INVITED TESTIMONY, AND POLICY DISCUSSION REGARDING AUSTIN TAXPAYER FUNDED SYRIAN REFUGEE RELOCATION.**

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Casar to not accept the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Houston. Council Member Zimmerman voted for the Resolution, with Council Member Pool off the dais.

- Council Member Houston gave a statement about this matter.

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Speakers

For the Resolution:

- Col. Clark Straughan, Retired
- Dewayne Naumann
- William Kelberlau
- Adam Cahn

Against the Resolution:

- Jo Katherine Quinn, Director of Caritas of Austin
- Amitiss Mahrash, Caritas of Austin
- Mamadou Balde, Caritas Austin

7. 5:05 PM STAFF BRIEFING, INVITED TESTIMONY, AND POLICY DISCUSSION REGARDING METRICS FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND EMS.

- Austin Police Department Chief of Staff Brian Manley presented key performance measures for Fiscal Years 2014- 2015 and proposed for 2016.
- Austin Fire Department Assistant Chief Brian Tanzola presented key performance measures for Fiscal Years 2014- 2015 and proposed for 2016.
- Austin – Travis County Emergency Medical Services Chief of Staff Jasper Brown presented key performance measures for Fiscal Years 2014- 2015 and proposed for 2016.

Speakers

- Tony Marquardt, President, ATCEMS Employee Association
- Andrew Romero, Vice President, Austin Police Association

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

8. SPEAKERS SIGNED UP PRIOR TO THIS ITEM BEING CALLED WILL EACH BE ALLOWED THREE MINUTES TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THIS AGENDA.

- Michael Fossum – for keeping current policy on coyote management
- Zola Vega – donated time to Michael Fossum

FUTURE ITEMS

9. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

NEXT MEETING

- Friday December 11, 2015
- Monday, January 25, 2016

ADJOURN

Chair Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 6:45p.m. without objection.

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