



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION 20200518-004 Part 4

Date: May 18, 2020

Subject: Recommendation that Council Approves \$1.5 million to replace the current Records Management System at the Austin Police Department

Motioned by: Meghan Hollis – Motion was to vote individually on each of the five budget requests; therefore, each individual vote will be presented as a separate recommendation under this motion.

Seconded by: Selena Alvarenga

Recommendation: The Public Safety Commission recommends that the Austin Police Department budget should include funding to replace the existing Records Management System and that Council should approve this funding.

Description of Recommendation to Council: The Austin Public Safety Commission is tasked with reviewing public safety agency budgets and providing recommendations to the Austin City Council. The Austin Police Department provided backup materials and a briefing in the March 2020 Public Safety Commission on budget requests. The Public Safety Commission recommends that the Austin Police Department include the \$1.5 million for replacing the current Records Management System (RMS) in their current budget and that Council funds this budget item.

Rationale: The Public Safety Commission has reviewed the requests from the Austin Police Department for additions to the budget for the item above in the March, May, and May Special Called meetings of the Public Safety Commission.

The Austin Police Department is requesting \$1.5 million to replace the current Records Management System which is 15 years old. The technology with this system is antiquated and results in excessive time spent on officer report writing, as well as, system maintenance downtime.

Commissioners find that a new records management system will aid in records retention improvements, and will make it easier to extract data and link data across datasets for better and more timely data analysis. This will allow improvements in APD's capacity to make data-driven decisions.

Vote:

For:

Meghan Hollis
Rebecca Webber
William (Bill) Kelly
Rebecca Bernhardt
Kathleen Hausenfluck
Daniela Nunez
Selena Alvarenga

Against:

Abstain:

Chris Harris

Absent:

Rebecca Gonzales

Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*


