



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 7, 2010**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 7, 2010 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Aman Bandali
Sam Holt
Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Moses Saldana Jr.

Board Members not in Attendance:

Ramey Ko
Kim Rossmo

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 05/03/2010 were approved on Commission Co-Chair Levy's motion, Commission Member Holt's second on a 5-0 vote with Commission Member Ko and Rossmo not present.

2. Citizen Communications

- a. Mary Arnett spoke about the City of Austin's Public Safety needs.
- b. Linda Yeatts, member of CLASP, spoke about the need for more officers on the street.
- c. Delwin Goss, President of the Montopolis Neighborhood Association, spoke about crime in his area and the need to increase the manpower of the Austin Police Department.
- d. John Bush, Executive Director of Texans for Accountable Government, stated that the Public Safety Commission was failing their mandate as described in the resolution written by City Council.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Choose an alternative date for the July Public Safety Commission meeting
 - a. Alternative dates will be considered for the July Public Safety Commission meeting. Chair Lauderdale will convey his decision to the Commission by June 15, 2010.
- b. Public Safety Cameras
 - a. Austin Police Assistant Chief Al Eells spoke about the Public Safety Cameras. A general overview of the completion of the project, the overall process and policy

matters were discussed. He stated that July 29, 2010 would be the recommended date that APD would be going to City Council to solicit a vendor.

- b. Bill Brice spoke addressed the need for public safety cameras in the downtown area..
 - c. John Goldstone spoke about his concerns for public safety cameras and the liabilities and or violations they may pose..
 - d. John Bush addressed the ineffectiveness of public safety cameras in other cities.
 - e. Debbie Russell stated that the effectiveness of the public safety cameras will not be effective and not help prevent violent crime.
- c. Public Safety Camera Update
 - a. This item was not discussed due to time constraints.
 - d. Department's Grant Overview
 - a. Debbie Russell spoke about the lack of patrol officers in patrol efforts.
 - b. John Bush spoke about the COPS grants and how an increase in officer will not be effective if we have officer who are violating individual rights.
 - c. AFD Chief of Staff Harry Evans elaborated on the Diesel Exhaust Extractor Systems Fire Prevention grants.
 - d. EMS Chief of Staff James Shamard stated that they currently have no outstanding applications for grants but currently have 12 grants in progress.

6. Adjournment