

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 24, 2018  
10:00 A.M.  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

**Members Present:** Councilmember William Cruz Shaw, Chair, *District 2*  
Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*  
Councilmember John Courage, *District 9*  
Councilmember Clayton Perry, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Ana Sandoval, *District 7*

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**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Joe Niño, *Deputy City Attorney*; Edward Guzman, *Deputy City Attorney*; Lisa Parra, *Assistant City Attorney*; Jo Flores, *Assistant City Attorney*; William McManus, *Police Chief, SAPD*; Robert Blanton, *Deputy Chief, SAPD*; John Bull, *Presiding Judge, Municipal Court*; Colleen Bridger, *Director, Metro Health*; Edward Gonzales, *Assistant Director, Department of Human Services*; Rebecca Flores, *Education Program Administrator*; Fred Garcia, *Municipal Court Clerk, Municipal Court*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Ellen Stone, *Texas Appleseed*; Rocio Villalobos, *Texas Appleseed*; Akeem Brown, *My Brother's Keeper SA*

**Call to order**

Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of the March 27, 2018 Public Safety Council Committee meeting minutes**

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Citizens to be Heard**

Chairman Shaw called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Rocio Villalobos requested that the Youth Curfew Ordinance be discontinued.

Ellen Stone stated that the youth curfew in Austin, Texas was eliminated with no increase in rates for juvenile arrests.

Akeem Brown urged the Committee to vote against the Youth Curfew Ordinance noting that said Ordinance exposed youth to unnecessary contact with law enforcement.

**Items for Consideration:**

**2. Briefing and Action on the Proposed Re-adoption of the Youth Curfew Ordinance and a Briefing on the Youth Re-engagement Initiative.** [Melody Woosley, Human Services Director; Honorable John Bull, Presiding Judge; William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that the current Youth Curfew Ordinance went into effect on June 4, 2015. He noted that municipalities were required to re-adopt the ordinance on every third anniversary of adoption. He stated that the Committee requested that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) provide additional data on citations and community feedback. He provided the following data on citations issued in the last three years:

Year	Citations	% Change
2015	104	
2016	99	-5%
2017	85	-14%
Total	288	

He provided the following demographics and comparisons:

Demographic Break Down		
Gender		
Male	172	59.7%
Female	96	33.3%
Unknown	20	6.9%
Race		
White	127	44.1%
Hispanic/Latin	114	39.6%
African American	27	9.4%
Unknown	20	6.9%

Texas City Comparisons 2017	
City	Citations Issued
El Paso	487
Corpus Christi	215
Dallas	271
Austin	Ordinance allowed to expire

Chief McManus stated that letters were sent out to all area school districts requesting input on the re-adoption of the Youth Curfew Ordinance and five of them responded in favor of re-adoption. He noted that a meeting with the Youth Commission was held on March 31, 2018. He stated that the Youth Commission expressed support for the

decriminalization of youth and the creation of penalties for parents. He noted that the Youth Commission expressed support for the Re-engagement Center and related services and resources which would be dedicated to addressing the factors that contributed to truancy and curfew violations. He stated that to ensure that SAPD was responsive to community concerns; the Youth Curfew Ordinance was amended to include the following two new major provisions:

1. It decriminalizes curfew violations by minors; and
2. It creates an asset-based option for youth who are violating the youth curfew to be redirected to a new after-hours Juvenile Case Management Department.

Judge John Bull stated that the Municipal Courts have worked to identify and address problems before introducing youth to the Criminal Justice System.

Rebecca Flores reviewed the current and proposed Youth Curfew Ordinance process. She stated that Opportunity Youth included youth:

- Ages 16-24; neither working or in school;
- 30,000 to 35,000 locally or 15% of the 16-24 age group;
- San Antonio exceeds the national average of 11.7% and other Texas Metro Areas.

She noted that San Antonio had a higher percentage of Opportunity Youth than other major metro areas in Texas due to:

- Greater economic disadvantage
- Higher teen pregnancy
- Higher dropout rate
- Greater % of youth identified “at risk”

Rebecca Flores stated that in the Fall of 2017, city departments which provided youth services convened in a working group to discuss collaboratively addressing youth disconnection in San Antonio. She noted that the National League of Cities was working with Municipal Court to expand its innovative practices which would focus on asset-based options to address youth's disruptive behaviors, particularly during out of school time. She reviewed the emerging Re-engaging Youth Initiative Model and the two phase implementation plan for a pilot program funded through the Department of Human Services consolidated funding process. She stated that re-engagement efforts would take place in six target zip codes. She noted that a Request for Proposals (RFPs) was in draft form and would be released as part of the Consolidated Funding Process for funding agencies to provide outreach to Opportunity Youth. She stated that two pilot youth centers would be provided where delegate agencies would provide their services that would serve as a resource for SAPD.

Judge Bull spoke of the development of the Re-engagement Center and its funding sources. He demonstrated the roles of the delegate agencies.

Rebecca Flores stated that the Re-engaging Youth Initiative goal was to decrease the number of 16-24 year olds who were not in school or employed in each of the targeted zip codes by 10% by 2024.

Councilmember Brockhouse suggested that delegate agencies be mandated to provide more engagement with youth.

Councilmember Perry asked how the school districts were engaged. Chief McManus replied that they were sent a letter. Councilmember Perry suggested that school districts be encouraged to participate in the targeted zip codes. He stated that he would like to see the requirements of the RFP. Ms. Flores stated that said requirements would be provided.

Councilmember Courage expressed support for providing resources instead of criminalization for violators of the youth curfew.

Chairman Shaw stated the School District Officers should be responsible for students during school hours.

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to recommend and forward the re-adoption of the Youth Curfew Ordinance that decriminalizes penalties to youth and creates the Juvenile Case Management Department of the San Antonio Municipal Court/Truancy Court. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

### **3. Briefing on the 2018 Quarterly Crime Report and Violent Crime Task Force Update. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]**

Chief McManus reported that Unified Crime Reporting (UCR) Crimes were down. He noted that violent crimes were down 23.13% and property crimes were down 24.91% from January to April 2018. He provided the following 2017/2018 comparison of data from the Violent Crimes Task Force:

	2017	2018	% change
Persons arrested	1,318	2,922	122%
Felony warrants	635	944	49%
Narcotics charges	582	958	65%
Gang members arrested	141	214	52%
Firearms recovered	204	435	113%
Drugs seized (grams)	83,331 g	114,660 g	38%
Currency seized	\$351,062.00	\$420,040.00	20%

Chief McManus stated that contact was made with individuals in high crime areas to facilitate support services and prevent criminal activity. He noted that in last years'

budget, eight additional San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officers were approved and have been assigned to the East, West, and Central Service Areas. He stated that in the first quarter of 2018, the SAFFE Officers provided:

- 449 hours of directed patrol
- 130 crime prevention presentations
- 98 community meetings
- Focus on specific neighborhood concerns

Erik Walsh stated that Homicides would be listed by categories in a follow up report.

Councilmember Courage requested data for Council District 9.

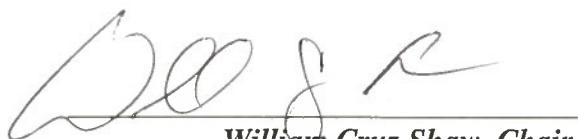
No action was required for Item 3.

#### **Consideration of items for future meetings**

There were no items considered for future meetings.

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



William Cruz Shaw, Chair

*Respectfully Submitted*



Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk

