

**PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING JUNE 3, 2015**  
**11:00 A.M.**  
**MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, Chair, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Cris Medina, <i>District 7</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Erik Walsh, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Ben Gorzell, <i>Chief Financial Officer</i> ; Hugh Miller, <i>Chief Technology Officer</i> ; Jon Kaplan, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Jim Kopp, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Charles Hood, <i>Fire Chief</i> ; Anthony Treviño, <i>Interim Police Chief</i> ; Geraldine Garcia, <i>Assistant Chief of Police</i> ; Anthony Muro, <i>Deputy Chief of Police, SAPD</i> ; Raymond Castro, <i>Captain, Park Police</i> ; Steven Baum, <i>Assistant Director, SAPD</i> ; John Dugan, <i>Director, Department of Planning and Community Development</i> ; Xavier Urrutia, <i>Director, Department of Parks and Recreation</i> ; Terry Bellamy, <i>Assistant Director, Department of Transportation and Capital Improvements</i> ; Denice F. Trevino, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Others present:</b>	Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>

**Call to order**

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of Minutes of the April 1, 2015 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Citizens to be Heard**

There were no citizens registered to speak.

**Items for Consideration:**

Item 4 was addressed at this time.

**4. A Briefing and Possible Action on a Request from District 8 Councilmember Ron Nirenberg to Direct City Staff to Develop a Strategy for Bolstering Safety and Security**

**Throughout the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System.** [Xavier Urrutia, Director of Parks and Recreation Department & Anthony Treviño, Interim Chief of Police]

Xavier Urrutia stated that there were 86 miles of trails currently planned throughout the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System (Trails System). He reported that Councilmember Nirenberg issued a Council Consideration Request (CCR) on February 18, 2015 directing City Staff to develop a strategy to enhance safety and security throughout the Trails System. He noted that said strategy was created based on input and guidance from the Linear Creekway Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and feedback received at a public meeting held on May 26, 2015. He noted that staff recommendations included: 1) Installation of a Security Camera System; 2) Additional staff and/or Trail Watch Program Resources; 3) Installation of Emergency Blue Light Devices; and 4) A Public Education Campaign. He stated that the Linear Creekway Advisory Board endorsed said staff recommendations. He reviewed the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Crime Statistics for the Leon and Salado Creek Greenway Trails System from April 2014 through April 2015. He stated that the current Observe and Report Component of the Trails System included:

- Park Police (26 member Park Police Linear Patrol Unit)
- Trail Stewards
- Trail Watch Volunteers

Mr. Urrutia stated that the current Built Environment included:

- 911 Locator System
- Vegetation Management

Mr. Urrutia reviewed the current Parks Education Campaign which included:

- Public Service Announcements (PSAs) – radio, television and website
- Social Media
- Printed Materials
- Kickoff and “Pop-up” Events
- Trail Signage

Mr. Urrutia stated that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) supported the implementation of the following additional measures and resources to enhance the safety of the Trails System:

- Expand use of “Game Cameras” at current and future Greenway Trailhead Parking Locations
- Expand Public Education with renewal of the “Play it Safe” Campaign and installation Burglary Warning Signage at all Trailhead Parking Locations
- Installation of Emergency Call Boxes in remote areas
- Continue Trail Steward and Trail Watch Volunteer Programs
- Continue the use of the 911-Locator System and Greenway Vegetation Management for Trail User Visibility

- Continue the use of Park Police, including undercover Park Police Officers
- Expand coordination between Park Police and the SAPD Auto Theft Section
- Research the need for supplemental Trailhead Lighting and make adjustments/additions when appropriate

Mr. Urrutia reported that the City Council recently approved the utilization of \$100,000 of Proposition Two (2010) Funding for park security along the Trails System as part of Mid-Year Budget adjustments. He stated that said funding would be utilized for implementation of recommendations upon endorsement by the Public Safety Committee.

Councilmember Nirenberg stated that the main objective of the CCR was to implement and maintain the same level of security for the entire Trails System. He recommended approval of the Enhanced Safety Measures for the Trails System to the Committee.

Chairperson Viagran asked of coordination between SAPD, Park Police, Bexar County, San Antonio River Authority, and National Park Service regarding safety on the Trailways System. Mr. Urrutia stated that the Mission Reach and River South were primarily under the jurisdiction of Park Police and SAPD. He noted that Mission County Park was under the jurisdiction of Bexar County and the National Parks were under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

Councilmember Gallagher asked if the Trailhead Lighting was meant to encourage use of the Trailway System 24 hours per day. He noted that environmental concerns have been associated with 24 hour lighting in Parks and on Park Trails. Mr. Urrutia replied that said lighting was intended for use from dawn to dusk.

Councilmember Treviño asked if Global Positioning System (GPS) Technology was utilized on the Trail System. Steve Baum replied that GPS Technology was currently utilized on the Trail System. Councilmember Treviño suggested that Drones be utilized on the Trail System. Mr. Urrutia stated that staff would explore that option.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to recommend approval of a strategy recommended by staff to enhance safety and security throughout the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Erik Walsh noted that Members of the City Council not present would be informed of the Committee's approval of said Strategy in a Memorandum.

Councilmember Nirenberg added that the City must identify a permanent funding source to support said strategy.

### **3. Briefing and Possible Action on Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program FY 2015 Competitive Grant Application.** [Presented by Jose Bañales, Assistant Chief of Police]

Jose Bañales stated that the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Pilot Implementation Program (PIP) FY 2015 Competitive Grant Solicitation was released by the United States Department of

Justice (USDOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000. He noted that the objective of the FY 2015 BWC PIP was to support the implementation of BWC Programs in Law Enforcement Agencies. He stated that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) conducted a BWC Pilot Program in 2014. He noted that during the Pilot Program, SAPD selected six different BWC Models based on studies conducted by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS). He stated that 25 Officers from the Downtown Bike Patrol and the West Patrol Substation participated in the PIP. He reported that a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFCSP) was released on April 6, 2015 and closed on April 27, 2015. He stated that nine Vendors responded and the selection process was ongoing. He noted that the Vendor selection would be brought before the full City Council in October 2015 for consideration.

Chief Bañales explained that SAPD could be awarded up to \$1.2 million in Grant Funds which would require matching funds by the City. He noted that, if awarded, SAPD would: 1) Purchase additional Body Cameras for the Downtown Bike Patrol and Park Police; and 2) Coordinate with the Bexar County District Attorney's Office and Citizen Groups to promote transparency. He noted that the number of BWCs purchased would be based upon the cost negotiated with the selected Vendor and available funding. He stated that the Grant Application deadline was June 16, 2015. He stated that this item would be brought before the full City Council on June 11, 2015 for consideration. He noted that the \$1.2 million match by the City would include: 1) Additional staff for \$852,995; 2) Mid-Year Adjustment of \$320,000; and 3) Additional funding of \$27,005. He stated that the total amount of said Grant would be \$2.4 million and all matching funds were dependent on the City's FY 2016 Budget Process and approval.

Chairperson Viagran asked if other funding sources were identified. Mr. Walsh replied that State Funds would be available in late summer or early fall but the amount available was not known at this time.

Councilmember Treviño suggested that evolving technology be included. Mr. Walsh stated that the selected Vendor would be required to demonstrate new technology to be employed.

Councilmember Gallagher asked if the proposed additional staff would manage the storage of data. Chief Bañales replied that the proposed additional staff would be responsible for managing storage of data, establishing the retention period for data, and managing Open Records Requests.

Councilmember Treviño moved to approve and forward the BWC PIP FY 2015 Competitive Grant Application to the full City Council for consideration on June 11, 2015. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

## **2. A Briefing on the Upgrade and Enhancement Capabilities of the Public Safety Regional Radio System. [Hugh Miller, Chief Technology Officer, Information Technology Services]**

Hugh Miller stated that due to the P25 Mandate (also known as narrow banding) by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the City was originally required to:

- Install and utilize a new P25-Compliant Radio System (Radio System)
- Provide Radio Tower Enhancements
- Provide Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure Fiber Network
- Provide IT Infrastructure Components
- Install all new Radios and accessories

Mr. Miller noted that said Mandate was issued in 2013 as a result of a breakdown in communications between Public Safety entities during the 911 Attack on the World Trade Center. He stated that the Radio System was supported by a Harris Corporation 800 MHz/700 MHz P 25 System which provided service to the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, 56 Public Safety and Public Service Agencies, and 11,000 Radio Subscribers. He noted that said system provided over 1,200 square miles of coverage. He reviewed details of the 911 System Process, coverage area, and the Radio System. He stated that an investment of \$68 million was made for the current Radio System, which was installed from 2001-2004. He reported that the total annual cost for Radio System usage was \$3,404,500, of which \$267,000 was paid by Bexar County.

Mr. Miller stated that the cost of the new P25 System, enhancements, and upgrades was \$48 million. He reported that that P25 Mandate was eliminated in October 2014 which enabled Licensees to extend the life of existing systems. He stated that FirstNet was established to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. He noted that plans to implement FirstNet would begin soon. He stated that major Metropolitan Areas would be the first to utilize this cutting edge technology. He noted that FirstNet Devices would have a common interface and nationwide capability comparable to a Smartphone. He reported that a Core Project Staff Team and the outside consultant of Telelate, LLC performed a comprehensive assessment of the current Radio System and Equipment. He state that said assessment resulted in the following findings:

- FCC Mandate requiring P25 narrow banding eliminated in 2014
- Current system would be supported through 2022
- Communications Shelter and Tower Space required updates
- Radio Towers and Infrastructure required updates
- Potential migration might be lengthy and cause Public Safety Personnel to operate multiple radios
- City recently invested \$5 million for radio infrastructure

Mr. Miller stated that staff recommended the following based on said assessment:

- Finalize negotiations with Harris/Dailey-Wells for Multiband Radios and tower enhancements
- Renew the Harris/Dailey-Wells Maintenance and Support Agreement (no cost increase through 2022)
- Replacement of older radios and accessories (\$18 million)
- Increase coverage, capacity, and update Tower Equipment Shelters (\$1 million)

- Upgrade Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure Fiber Network (\$3 million)
- Update all Tower Communications Network Equipment
- Add sites to CoSANet
- Increase capacity and speeds

Mr. Miller stated that the Solicitation Process would be reassessed in 2017. He noted that said recommendations:

- Would allow timing alignment to include CPS-E and SAWS into the Radio System as they contemplate replacing their Radio Systems
- Would allow the City to benefit from a mature Radio Data Network (Radio over International Protocol (IP), and other technologies

Mr. Miller stated that the recommendations would allow the City to benefit from the original investment in the existing Radio System. He noted that Bexar County and other Public Safety Agencies would realize similar savings and benefits as the City based on the recommendations. He stated that the time between release of a competitive proposal and the “go live” date would be three years (approximately 2021). He noted that the investment made by the City for the Radio System would expire at approximately the same time (2022). He provided the following funding information for the Radio System:

<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>\$48,000,000</b>
	Capital Improvement	\$44,000,000
	USASI Grants	\$2,000,000
	Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)	\$1,200,000
	Certificates of Obligation	\$800,000
<b>Spent to date</b>	Radios and tower move	<b>\$4,000,000</b>
<b>Recommendations</b>		<b>\$22,000,000</b>
<b>Remaining Balance</b>		<b>\$22,000,000</b>

Chairperson Viagran asked of other Texas Cities utilizing P25 Radio Systems. Mr. Miller replied that P25 Radio Systems were utilized by the City of Houston, Harris County, and the State of Texas.

Erik Walsh stated that the City had the option to either to utilize the life remaining on the existing Radio System Infrastructure or to invest in a new Radio System. He noted that staff recommended utilizing the life remaining on the existing Radio System Infrastructure at this time.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed his support for the recommendations.

Erik Walsh stated that this item would be brought before the High Profile Contract Council Committee on June 23, 2015 and would be discussed further by the full City Council. He stated that the USDOJ released Grant Application Guidelines for Community-Oriented Policing Hiring Program, which was a four-year program requiring a cash match from the City of \$7.8 million



over the entire Grant Period. He noted that the deadline for submission of said Grant Application was June 19, 2015 and would be brought before the City Council on June 18, 2015. He noted that the next Public Safety Council Committee Meeting would be held in August 2015.

### **Consideration of Items for Future Meetings**

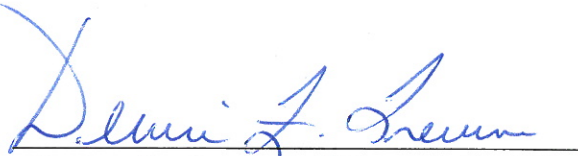
### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.



*Rebecca Viagran, Chair*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk*

