

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

**MEETING JANUARY 19, 2016**

**11:00 A.M.**

**MUNICIPAL PLAZA, B ROOM**

**114 W. COMMERCE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, Chair, *District 3*  
Councilmember Roberto Treviño, *District 1*  
Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, *District 5*  
Councilmember Mike Gallagher, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*

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**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief, SAPD*; Joseph MacKay, *Deputy Chief, SAPD*; Anthony Treviño, *Deputy Chief (Chief of Staff), SAPD*; Steven Baum, *Assistant Director, SAPD*; Jim Kopp, *SAPD*; Fred Garcia, *Municipal Court Clerk*; Denise Luckey, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Call to order**

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of Minutes of the December 2, 2015 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2015 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Item 4 was addressed at this time.**

**4. Update on the Ordinance Amending the City Code related to the Use of Hand-Held Mobile Communication Devices While Driving. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]**

Chief McManus provided background information on the CCR submitted by Councilmember Gallagher requesting a ban on the use of mobile communication devices unless used in a "hands-free" capacity. He noted that during the period of February 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015; 12,149 citations and 4,053 warnings were issued. Chief McManus stated that car crashes had increased during that time period, and he attributed the rise due to TxDOT increasing the distracted driving categories from two to five.

Councilmember Gallagher asked if the ban was working with regard to the traffic courts. Chief McManus replied that he did not have an exact number, but did not think that there was a high number of dismissal rates.

Chairperson Viagran asked of the two to five categories of distracted driving. Chief McManus replied that they consisted of cellphone; texting; talking; other, unknown; and cellphone/mobile. Chairperson Viagran asked of the revenue. Fred Gonzales, Municipal Clerk stated that they collected roughly \$1.2

million in fines. Chairperson Viagran asked if there were funds in the budget for signage. Deputy City Manager Erik Walsh replied that there were funds set aside for additional signage.

No action was required for Item 4. Item 2 was addressed at this time.

## **2. Presentation and Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) Police Reform Initiative. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]**

Chief McManus presented an overview of the SAPD Police Reform Efforts. He noted that the PERF Review identified Recommendations; Changes to Vehicle Pursuit Policy; DOJ Collaborative Reform; Procedural Justice Training; Legitimacy; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Task Force; COPS/PERF Police Accountability; Body Worn Camera and Open Data Sharing Initiative; SAPD Guiding Principles; National Recognition; Evolving Strategy; and Re-Engineering Training on Police Use of Force.

Chief McManus played a video of the SAPD Mental Health Unit that was showcased on the TV show *Nightline* on how Officers deal with mentally ill citizens.

Chairperson Viagran asked how many Officers were assigned to the Mental Health Unit. Chief McManus responded that there is 1 Sergeant and 8 Officers. Chairperson Viagran asked of the type of training the Officers receive to handle rape and sexual assault victims. Chief McManus stated that there is a special unit to handle such cases. Chairperson Viagran asked of the makeup of the Committee for the PERF Review. Chief McManus responded that it is made up of 7 Sworn Officers and 7 Citizens.

Councilmember Treviño asked of the hours of the day that Officers operate. Chief McManus stated the Officers operate from 7pm – 3am. Councilmember Treviño suggested that the force could use more support to increase the capacity to 24 hours.

### **Citizens to be Heard**

Chairperson Viagran called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Jody Bailey Newman expressed support for expanding the Pedal Pub Cab.

Guillermo Garza spoke of expanding the Pedal Pub Cab, and in support of Chapter 33 and cycling.

Mitsuko Ramos spoke in regard to the proposed amendments to Chapter 33 as it related to Limousine Services. She requested that the item be addressed at the next City Council Meeting.

John Bouloubasis spoke on Chapter 33 in regard to the taxi cab relief and the age limit of the cab. It is currently at 8 years and he would like for the limit to be moved to 12 years.

George Alva proposed amendments to Chapter 33 in regard to limousines and taxi cabs. He spoke in favor of the life extension of the cab, and in opposition to the background check change.

Robert Gonzales spoke to a reduction of permit fees and an extension of years of vehicles. He stated that he supports letting the City handle the permit investigation.

Michael Khadem spoke in support of an age increase for taxi cab, and a decrease in permit fees.

Adam Goodman spoke in opposition to changes being proposed to Chapter 33.

Roger Flores spoke in favor of the proposed amendments to Chapter 33 in regard to taxi cabs, and Limousine Service. He asked that the item be moved forward as soon as possible.

Marisa Laufer spoke to unfair protection for police officers.

**3. Briefing and Action on Revisions to Chapter 33. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]**

Steve Baum presented the Background, Revisions to Chapter 33, and Staff Recommendations to the Vehicles for Hire. He outlined the amendments to the Horse Drawn Carriages, Limousines, Pedicabs, Tour and Charters, Taxicabs, Insurance, Permit Fees, and Downtown and Airport Fees.

Chairperson Viagran asked for clarification on the supplemental vehicles for drivers and the 10 day periods. Mr. Baum stated that drivers may bring in supplemental vehicles for three, 10-day periods at a time.

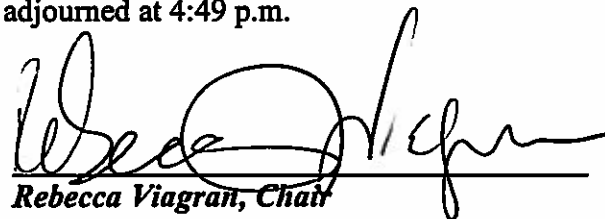
Councilmember Gonzales questioned the no alcohol drinking clause with regard to the group cycle. Mr. Baum stated that alcohol drinking is allowed in certain central business districts.

Councilmember Gallagher asked why the drug testing exam was dropped for Pedal Cabs. Mr. Baum stated it is because they do not operate motor vehicles; they are operating bicycles.

Councilmember Treviño moved to forward said item with staff recommendation to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.



*Rebecca Viagran, Chair*

***Respectfully Submitted,***



*Denise Luckey, Office of the City Clerk*

