

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MAY 4, 2016
11:00 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING

Members Present:	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, Chair, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>District 6</i>
Staff Present:	Erik Walsh, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; John Bull, <i>Presiding Judge, Municipal Court</i> ; Margie Pol, <i>Judge, Municipal Court</i> ; Peter Zamora, <i>Judge, Municipal Court</i> ; William McManus, <i>Police Chief</i> ; James Flavin, <i>Interim Deputy Chief, SAPD</i> ; Anthony Muro, <i>Deputy Chief, SAPD</i> ; Carl Wedige, <i>Deputy Chief, SAFD</i> ; Melody Woosley, <i>Director, Department of Human Services</i> ; Steven Baum, <i>Assistant Director, SAPD</i> ; Edward Gonzalez, <i>Assistant Director, Department of Human Services</i> ; Razi Hosseini, <i>Assistant Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements</i> ; Di Galvan, <i>Government and Public Affairs</i> ; Fred Garcia, <i>Municipal Court Clerk, Municipal Court</i> ; Jimmy Richards, <i>Director, PID Operations, Centro SA</i> ; Dennis Rosenberry, <i>Administrative Services Officer, SAPD</i> ; Denice F. Treviño, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Rudy Morales, <i>Legislative Director, San Antonio Fire and Police Pension Fund</i> ; Jimmy Rodriguez, <i>San Antonio Police Officers Association</i>

Call to order

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the April 6, 2016 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services 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:

2. Municipal Court Briefing on the United States Department of Justice's Letter to Courts.
[Presented by Honorable John Bull, Presiding Judge]

Judge Bull stated that in March 2015, an investigation of the Ferguson Police Department was performed by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). He noted that the investigation revealed that the Municipal Court (Court) of Ferguson, Missouri 'deprived people of their constitutional rights to due process and equal protection...' (Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, *Investigation of the Ferguson Police Department*. (March 4, 2015). He reported that in December 2015, the DOJ convened a group of stakeholders comprised of Judges, Court Administrators, Lawmakers, Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys and Advocates to examine the practice of assessing and enforcing fines and fees at the State and Local Court Levels. He stated that in March 2016, the Civil Rights Division, Office of Access to Justice, issued a memorandum to all stakeholders which:

- Provided clarity and best practices for court leadership to preserve constitutional principles relevant to the enforcement of fines and fees which would safeguard the rights of participants in the Justice System.

He noted that Cities of Austin, Amarillo and El Paso were sued for Municipal Court Practices related to jail commitments.

Judge Bull stated that according to the following Constitutional Principles:

- (1) "Courts must not incarcerate a person for nonpayment of fines and fees without conducting an indigency determination and establishing that the failure to pay was willful." He noted that the San Antonio Municipal Court (Court) does not commit any defendant to jail for nonpayment of fines and fees.
- (2) Courts should not condition access to judicial hearings on prepayment of fines or fees and provide meaningful notice when enforcing fines and fees. He stated that citations issued by SAPD Officers contained all notices required by State Law.
- (3) Courts cannot issue warrants for failure to pay without providing: 1) Adequate notice; 2) A hearing to assess the individual's ability to pay; and 3) Other basic procedural protections. Judge Bull noted that individuals were provided with several notices to appear before the court issued a warrant.
- (4) "Courts must safeguard against unconstitutional practices by court staff and private contractors." He noted that the court maintained knowledgeable and professional staff and judges, which were representative of the city's demographics. He noted that there were 10 full-time and four part-time Judges in Municipal Court. He stated that in order to safeguard against unconstitutional practices by Court Staff and Private Contractors, the Court required all Court Staff to be certified as Municipal Court Clerks.

Councilmember Gallagher asked if the Municipal Court required any legislative assistance at the present time. Judge Bull stated that legislative assistance was not required at this time.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on Potential San Antonio Fire and Police Department Bond Funded Projects. [Presented by William McManus, Police Chief and Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

Deputy Chief Wedge presented on potential projects for the 2017 General Obligation Bond Package. He reported on each current and completed Fire Station Project. He described each Fire Station Project

geographical locations, modifications and the dates concluded. He proposed replacement of Fire Stations 21, 24 and 33. He highlighted the new development of a Health Education, Advancement and Training Center to maintain the health of staff. He stated that the Department would be interested in converting the second floor of the Fire Museum to a Community Education Division.

Chairperson Viagran asked if staff would be considering relocating Fire Stations that do not have direct exits to streets. Deputy Chief Wedge responded that the Fire Stations provided service to community; therefore, they would look for property that would maximize the Station response to that community. Chairperson Viagran asked if there would be community outreach to notify residents of the relocation of a Fire Station. Deputy Chief Wedge stated that they would design a Fire Station that would fit the community, bring it to the community and Councilmember for community feedback.

Councilmember Treviño stated that staff should be exploring effective cost savings to maximize the Projects. He suggested that staff create efficiency in the course of modularity and construction. Deputy Chief Wedge stated that the Fire Department was analyzing efficiency through maintenance and architectural structure.

Councilmember Gonzales inquired on the expenditure of the completed Projects. Chief Wedge stated that the total budget for New Fire Stations was estimated at \$9-10 million and \$5-7 million for renovation of Older Fire Stations.

Chief McManus stated that the Department would be proposing the creation of a Center City Substation in the 2017 Bond Project Proposals. He stated that the Center City Substation would house the SAPD Patrol Section, Property Crimes Detectives, Downtown Foot Patrol, Bike Patrol and Park Police Headquarters. He added that the Department would be proposing additional Police Substations on the Northeast Side and the Northwest Side. He stated that the Department was seeking approval of combining Ground Transportation, Sex Offender Registration and Evidence Garage with the Center City Substation. He stated that the proposal included refurbishing of the Training Academy Driving Track. He proposed facilities for Active Shooter Training and Gas House Training.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department's Integrated Mobile Partners Action Care Team (IMPACT). [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus provided an overview of how the Police Department is addressing Homelessness by establishing the Integrated Mobile Partners Action Care Team (IMPACT). He stated that the purpose of IMPACT was to improve Downtown Public Safety and the quality of life by identifying individual's medical needs, streamlining treatment process and case management for long-term success. He stated that the Department has partnered with multiple Homeless Advocacy Agencies to assist in providing services and resources for Homeless Individuals. He reported that other cities look to the San Antonio IMPACT Program as a model for adopting strategies that help the Homeless Community.

Chairperson Viagran asked if staff was aware of the status of the Homeless Individuals that refuse service. Chief McManus responded that the Homeless Individuals that refused services were not committing a crime; therefore, the Department did not have the authority to enforce services to individuals. Chairperson Viagran asked if there was anything the City Council could do to ensure continued success of

the IMPACT Program. Chief McManus stated that providing more beds would assist in the program's continued success.

Councilmember Treviño asked of the areas that appear less affected by the program in the Downtown Area. Chief McManus stated that the change is due to the individuals that accept the services and noted that there are individuals that do not want the assistance.

No action was required for Item 4.

Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

Erik Walsh stated that the San Antonio Police Department would present an update on the consultant report on 911 Dispatch. He stated the other item is the local agreement with Bexar Metro.

Chairperson Viagran requested a memo of an update of the Committee regarding the results of the ride share round table.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.


Rebecca Viagran, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,


Denise F. Treviño, Office of the City Clerk