

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND SERVICES
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 18, 2017
2:30 P.M.
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL**

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> ; Andrew Segovia, <i>City Attorney</i> ; William McManus, <i>Police Chief, SAPD</i> ; Charles Hood, <i>Fire Chief, SAFD</i> ; Colleen Bridger, <i>Director, Metro Health</i> ; Jim Kopp, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Andrew Solano, <i>Office of the Mayor Policy Advisor/Liaison to Council</i> ; Denice F. Treviño, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	James Mendoza, <i>San Antonio Office of Emergency Management</i> ; Joe Arellano, <i>Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service</i> ; Paul Yura, <i>Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service</i> ; John Butchkasky, <i>Community Liaison, Texas Alliance for Human Needs</i>

Call to order

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the March 1, 2017 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017 Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Items for Consideration:

2. Briefing on the Mayor's Council on Police-Community Relations Update. [Presented by Andrew Solano, Policy Advisor & Liaison to Council]

Andrew Solano stated that the Mayor's Council on Police-Community Relations had met six times since September, 2015. He noted that the Council formed the following smaller subcommittees to address the four areas identified to achieve outcomes identified by same: 1) Recruitment; 2) Training; 3) Communication; and 4) Community Collaboration. He presented the Subcommittee recommendations for the four areas identified. He asked that consideration on the recommendations be made to determine which would be feasible to undertake; which require

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He stated that as a result of these efforts, since October 2015, a total of 216 Cadets have been selected for the Academy. He presented the following Cadet class schedule:

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Chief McManus stated that there were currently 149 Sworn Officer vacancies. He noted that a total of 60 Cadets were currently enrolled in the Academy with an additional 28 Probationary Officers in their promotional training period. He stated that based on the number of Cadets, Probationary Officers, and the anticipated number of Cadets in the upcoming classes; it was expected that SAPD would achieve its normal vacancy rate by the end of the calendar year.

Chairperson Viagran requested the additional information on homicides that was presented, as well as a quarterly report on the number of retirements.

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Councilmember Gallagher moved to forward and recommend that the additional positions for the SCU be funded utilizing funds allocated through the FY 2017 Adopted Budget as a required match for the COPS Grant. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

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4. Briefing on Emergency Notification Systems. [Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

Chief Hood stated that concerned citizens reached out to City Council regarding the City's lack of tornado sirens as the result of the tornados which occurred on February 19, 2017. He noted that the San Antonio Office of Emergency Management (SAOEM) initiated a review of the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) and the City of San Antonio (CoSA) Hazard Mitigation Plan, which resulted in the formation of a Committee to update the 2012 Tornado Sirens Study. He stated that said Committee was comprised of:

- SAFD
- SAPD
- SAOEM
- Bexar County Office of Emergency Management
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- Development Services Department
- Aviation Department
- Transportation and Capital Improvements Department
- Office of Sustainability

Chief Hood stated that the Committee had met four times this month and received regular briefings from the NWS. He noted that the Committee planned future updates to Mitigation and Emergency Operations Plans. He stated that the Committee reviewed the history of tornados in San Antonio. He noted that the Committee discussed best methods to alert the public during severe weather and discussed the financial impact of sirens installation and maintenance.

Paul Yura stated that between October 2007 and February 2017, there were 11 tornados reported in CoSA. He reported the following information on past tornados in the area:

- Majority of tornados in South Texas were Non-Super Cell Class (EF-0 or EF-1)
- More difficult to detect on radar and shorter lead time
- 59% have occurred at night (1950-2017)
- 91% were weak (EF-0 or EF-1)
 - 51% had NO Tornado Warning issued
- 9% were strong (EF-2 or EF-3)
 - 80% had a Tornado Warning issued
- 0% were violent (EF-4 or EF-5)
- 85% false alarm rate on Tornado Warnings
- 0 Tornado fatalities

Chief Hood stated that the following reliable public alerting methods existed:

- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- NWS Weather Radio
- Mass media (radio and television) and the Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- Social media such as Twitter and Facebook

- Ready South Texas Application
- Numerous Smart Phone Weather Applications

Chief Hood stated that two quotes were received from vendors for two types of systems; voice and tone. He noted that the average maintenance costs were \$215,000 annually for 159 sirens. He stated that the estimated costs for the Siren System would be from \$4 to \$7 million. He noted that the Committee did not recommend the installation of sirens for CoSA. He stated that with the improvement of alerting technology mobile devices and Smart Phones; they would serve as the primary notification device. He noted that sirens were not effective for warning people indoors or in vehicles. He stated that the Siren System would require regular testing and a steady and consistent Public Education Campaign. He noted that most CoSA tornadoes occurred at night with little to no warning and most CoSA tornadoes were in the EF-0 to EF-1 categories (weak).

At the request of the Committee, Erik Walsh distributed a report of grants applied for by SAPD and the outcomes for each. Several of the grants were discussed.

No action was required for Item 4.

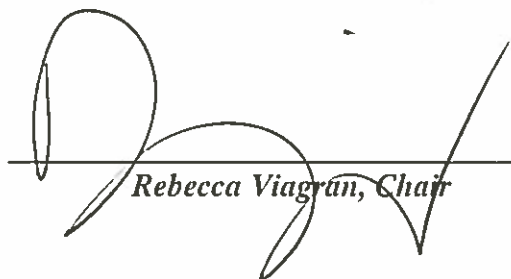
Chairperson Viagran recessed the Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee into Executive Session at 3:44 p.m. to discuss matters pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

Chairperson Viagran reconvened the meeting at 4:01 p.m. and stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Consideration of items for future meetings

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.



Rebecca Viagran, Chair

Respectfully Submitted



Denise F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk

