

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
10:00 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present: Councilmember William Cruz Shaw, Chair, *District 2*
Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*
Councilmember Ana Sandoval, *District 7*
Councilmember John Courage, *District 9*
Councilmember Clayton Perry, *District 10*

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Anthony Treviño, *Assistant Chief, SAPD*; Robert Blanton, *Captain, SAPD*; Fred Garcia, *Municipal Court Clerk, Municipal Court*; Patrick Zepeda, *Emergency Manager, SAOEM*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Sean Greene, *Project Director, P16 Plus*; Chellie Fernandez, *Program Manager, P16 Plus*; Morgan Craven, *Project Director, Texas Appleseed*

Call to order

Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the November 28, 2017 and January 23, 2018 Public Safety Council Committee meeting minutes

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 and January 23, 2018 Public Safety Council Committee Meetings. Councilmember Brockhouse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Chairman Shaw called upon the citizen registered to speak.

Morgan Craven spoke in support of abolishing the Ordinance on youth curfews.

Items for Consideration:

2. Briefing and Possible Action on the Proposed Re-Adoption of the Youth Curfew Ordinance. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Robert Blanton stated that Section 370.002 of the Texas Local Government Code required the re-adoption of the Youth Curfew Ordinance on the third anniversary of

adoption. He noted that the current Ordinance became effective on June 4, 2015. He stated that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) was soliciting feedback on the Ordinance from the Youth Commission and Area School Districts. He noted that the youth curfew occurred Sunday through Saturday between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. He reviewed the exceptions granted for minors and stated that since 2015; SAPD had issued a total of 228 citations. He noted that Law Enforcement Agencies throughout Bexar County issued Youth Curfew Citations. He stated that in 2017, SAPD issued 56% of Youth Curfew Citations. He displayed a map of the areas where violators were cited and stated that minors violating the curfew were guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor. He noted that Municipal Court offered a Truancy Diversion Program which required completion of classes and community service within 90 days of the offense. He stated that SAPD would brief the Committee at the April 2018 meeting to review the feedback provided by the Youth Commission and Area School Districts.

Councilmember Sandoval requested an assessment of the success of the Ordinance.

Fred Garcia described the Truancy Diversion Program offered by Municipal Court and noted that few cases were filed against juveniles.

Councilmember Courage spoke in support of the Ordinance and in favor of increased enforcement.

Councilmember Perry requested that data on repeat offenders be brought before the Committee in April 2018.

Councilmember Brockhouse requested data associated with the low number of violations and spoke of the importance of information and education.

Councilmember Sandoval requested the strategy and goals for the day and night Youth Curfew, effectiveness of implementing the Ordinance, and an alternate to adopting the Ordinance.

Councilmember Courage spoke of the messaging of the Ordinance by instituting a public announcement.

Chairman Shaw requested that more conversations be held with stakeholders. He spoke of violations being treated as criminal offenses and added that further discussions should be held.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department Mental Health Detail and IMPACT Program. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Anthony Treviño stated that the objective of Mental Health Programs were to enhance public safety and response to chronically homeless, mentally ill, and chemically dependent individuals. He noted that this was accomplished by:

- Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Training
- Improved communication with the vulnerable population
- Strategic partnerships with advocacy organizations
- Referral services for immediate and long-term needs

Assistant Chief Treviño stated that SAPD Cadets received 40 hours of Crisis Intervention Training and Officers received eight hours of said training once every four years. He noted that the Mental Health Detail Program was comprised of 10 Officers and one Supervisor trained to assist individuals with mental illness which were in crisis. He presented data on mental health calls received. He stated that the IMPACT Program was comprised of members of the SAPD Mental Health Detail Program and the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Mobile Integrated Healthcare Team. He presented data on the number of contacts and reviewed the agencies which referrals were made to. He noted that the SAPD HOPE Team was comprised of two Bike Officers with extensive experience working with the homeless population in the Downtown Area. He stated that the goal of the HOPE Team was to build a stable rapport and guide individuals to services which resulted in an enhanced quality of life. He spoke of national recognition of the Mental Health Programs in San Antonio and presented a video depicting same.

Councilmember Courage expressed concern with the amount of training that Officers received. He recommended that training be held more often than every four years.

Councilmember Perry asked of the procedure for handling those who refused service. Assistant Chief Treviño stated that it would depend on the situation. Councilmember Perry asked of facilities utilized for those who accepted services. Erik Walsh stated that various hospitals and the Center for Healthcare Services would be utilized for those who required services. He noted that another facility was being built by the Center for Healthcare Services to house individuals requiring services. Councilmember Perry requested additional information regarding said facility.

Councilmember Sandoval asked of those who had been detained over five times and their commonalities. Assistant Chief Treviño stated that he would provide that information to the Committee.

Councilmember Brockhouse asked of the hours of Officers in the Mental Health Programs. Assistant Chief Treviño stated that their hours were from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. He stated that Officers would be made available at any time if needed. Councilmember Brockhouse suggested that more training for Officers be conducted.

Councilmember Courage expressed support for adding weekend hours.

Chairman Shaw asked if the same strategy was utilized when dealing with youth. Assistant Chief Treviño replied that it was.

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 11:50 a.m.



William Cruz Shaw, Chair

Respectfully Submitted



Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk