

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 26, 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*; Roderick Sanchez, *Assistant City Manager*; Andy Segovia, *City Attorney*; Edward Guzman, *Deputy City Attorney*; Jim Kopp, *Assistant City Attorney*; Mary Baum, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Chelsea Mikulencak, *Assistant City Attorney*; Susan Guinn, *Assistant City Attorney*; Joe Niño, *Assistant City Attorney*; William McManus, *Police Chief, SAPD*; Robert Blanton, *Deputy Chief, SAPD*; Michael Shannon, *Director, Development Services Department*; Melissa Ramirez, *Assistant Director, Development Services Department*; Fred Garcia, *Municipal Court*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Emily Eaton, *Reporter, Express News*; Jeff Sullivan, *Reporter, Rivard Report*; Iris Dimmick, *Reporter, Rivard Report*; Joe Alderete, *SAPFFA*

Call to order

Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the May 22, 2018 Public Safety Council Committee meeting minutes

Councilmember Courage moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2018 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Brockhouse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens registered to speak.

Items for Consideration:

2. Briefing and Possible Action on Measures to Reduce Gun Violence. [Presented by Andrew Segovia, City Attorney]

Ed Guzman reviewed the legal background for the regulation of firearms which included the Second Amendment, the Texas Constitution, and Texas Local Government Code. He noted that a municipality was limited by the Texas Local Government Code which states that a municipality may not adopt regulations relating to the transfer, private ownership, keeping, transportation, licensing, or registration of firearms, ammunition, or firearm supplies. He stated that regulation of land use and zoning was specifically recognized as an available area for cities. He noted that the city may also adopt policies that take firearm safety and gun violence into account in its procurement process, incentive policies, and in setting the conditions of bond in the magistration of criminal cases at the detention center. He stated that the city could also pursue and support legislative action.

Councilmember Courage asked of the Gun Buy Back Program. Chief McManus stated that said program had been in effect since the mid-1980's. He noted that said program did not reduce gun violence. Councilmember Courage suggested a targeted Gun Buy Back Program with city funding.

Councilmember Brockhouse suggested that no action be taken until after the meeting of the Legislature. Councilmember Perry concurred that the Committee should wait and see what is decided during the Legislative Session.

Councilmember Courage suggested that development re-directed by zoning be considered.

Chairman Shaw stated that this issue was not an economic problem, but a city-wide problem and requested more information on incentives.

Councilmember Courage requested a sample Ordinance regarding zoning and bond restrictions.

Councilmember Sandoval moved that staff return to the Committee with proposed recommendations for each of the options and information on safety, education, and enforcement of gun laws. Chairman Shaw made a friendly amendment to have staff return with an Ordinance for each option. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Shaw, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Courage, Councilmember Sandoval

NAY: Councilmember Brockhouse

3. Update on the School Bus Camera Program Implemented and Administered by Several Area School Districts. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that on June 30, 2016, the City Council approved an Ordinance establishing civil penalties for school bus arm violations. He reviewed the following statistics on various school-related violations:

Violation	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Failure to obey School Crossing Guard/Police Officer	40	39	26
Passing stopped school bus	71	45	45
Speeding in School Zone	7,266	12,249	4,992
Speeding in School Zone-Construction Zone	5	5	3
Use of a Wireless Communication Device	161	344	142
TOTALS	7,543	12,682	5,208

He noted that School Districts did not receive fines collected. He stated that a total of five School Districts have implemented Bus Camera Programs since the 2016-2017 school year. He provided the following statistics for violations per School District:

District	Violations	Citations Issued	Fines Assessed	Fines Collected	District Revenue
Judson	1,052	569	\$158,350.00	\$51,525.00	\$0
Northeast	27,625	15,707	\$4,383,400.00	\$1,730,165.00	\$0
South San	2,295	1,394	\$395,525.00	\$140,165.00	\$0
Southside	1,496	541	\$154,290.00	\$49,140.00	\$0
Southwest	1,059	612	\$178,000.00	\$48,920.00	\$0

He noted that the School Bus Camera Program implemented by the School Districts was originally administered by BusGuard but due to legal issues related to ongoing Federal Investigations; BusGuard dissolved in November 2017. He noted that the five participating School Districts continue to operate the program now administered by BusPatrol. He reported that in July 2018, each of the participating School Districts would submit their required Annual Report to the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). He added that the Office of the Chief would compile and transmit this information to the City Manager, Mayor, and City Council.

Councilmember Courage asked of the process for addressing violations. Jim Kopp stated that video was reviewed by BusPatrol and a citation was issued to the registered owner of the vehicle if a violation occurred.

Councilmember Perry asked of the success of the program. Chief McManus stated that information on the success of the program would be included in the Annual Report submitted to the SAPD in July 2018.

Erik Walsh stated that this item would be brought back to the Committee for action at the next meeting along with the Annual Report submitted by School Districts.

4. Briefing on the Sex Offender Registration Detail. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that the SAPD Sex Offender Registration Detail (SORD) was responsible for identifying, locating, and contacting individuals who have failed to register as Sex Offenders. He noted that after identification of the Sex Offender, SAPD:


- Processes required registration
- Monitors registrants to ensure ongoing compliance
- Conducts notifications
- Submits information to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the Sex Offender Database

Chief McManus noted that the SORD includes seven sworn personnel. He reviewed eight of the 36 violations with a reportable conviction or adjudication. He stated that the SORD monitored the approximately 3,200 registered Sex Offenders residing in San Antonio. He noted that individuals with a reportable conviction or adjudication after September 1, 1970 were required to register as Sex Offenders. He noted that adults must register for 10 years or a lifetime depending on the offense. He stated that juveniles must register for 10 years after the date of supervision or discharge. He noted that Sex Offenders must provide verification of registered information, monthly, quarterly, or annually based on the number of offense convictions and/or the severity of the offense. He stated that Sex Offender compliance checks are conducted throughout the year by SAPD in coordination with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, DPS, and the United States Marshal Service.

No action was required for Item 4.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



William Cruz Shaw, Chair

Respectfully Submitted



Denise F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk