

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 24, 2020
1:00 PM
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Members Present:	Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>Chair, District 6</i> Councilmember Jada Andrews-Sullivan, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Denice F. Trevino, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>

Call to order

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the June 15, 2020 Public Safety Committee Listening Session Minutes

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan submitted the following strategies for police reform to the Committee:

1. Utilization of body cameras
2. Police interaction with people in the community and speaking to their needs
3. Use of firearms as a last resort
4. Not utilizing the police when dealing with mental illness
5. Ban No-Knock Warrants
6. No choke or neck restraint
7. Declaration of racism

Briefing and Possible Action on:

- 2. Briefing and Possible Action on a San Antonio Police Department Grant Application and Award from the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for DNA Testing Reimbursement in an Amount up to \$275,000 for the Period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. No City Match is Required. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief, Police]**

Lieutenant Jesse Salame stated that SAPD was reimbursed by the State each year for costs associated with victim and sex assault (SANE) kits and related resources. He noted that the State

- ❖ Injury which required medical treatment
- ❖ Causes death to an individual
- ❖ Discharging a firearm to an individual
- ❖ Use of an intermediate weapon
- ❖ When police dog bites individual

Chief McManus outlined that the revised SAPD Use of Force Policy:

- Expanded the use of force reporting requirements for specific incidents
- Added the following:
 - The pointing of a firearm at an individual
 - Reported injury by individual
 - Caused any injury to individual

Chief McManus reported that the current SAPD Use of Force Policy prohibited Officers from shooting at a moving vehicle except as the ultimate measure of self-defense or defense of another. He indicated that a section was added to the revised SAPD Use of Force Policy to specifically address the prohibition on discharge of firearms from or at a moving vehicle, unless action was necessary for self-defense or to protect another person.

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda stated that SAPD needed to be able to enforce the policies.

Councilmember Perry requested a meeting with Chief McManus to discuss feedback received from Officers in the field related to the revised policies.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if requests had been categorized. Deputy City Manager Villagómez replied that they would be and the information would be provided in advance of the Goal Setting Session on August 26, 2020. Councilmember Sandoval requested the results of the survey of Officer satisfaction. Deputy City Manager Villagómez stated that she would email the results to the City Council today.

Councilmember Viagran requested a breakdown of comments by Council District. She expressed support for increasing the number of psychological exams and increased training for racist tendencies.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if individuals could be told to exit their vehicle at a traffic stop. Chief McManus replied that individuals would only be asked to exit their vehicle if there was an investigation.

Public Comments

James Young recommended that a residency requirement for all City employees be imposed, ban managerial police from becoming members of the SAPOA, remove the arbitration clause from the collective bargaining agreement, lobby Congress to remove qualified immunity, and eliminate recruitment of bullies.

William Kenzie expressed support for SAPD.

Consideration of items for future meetings

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda requested a briefing on community policing programs.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm.



Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair

Respectfully Submitted



Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk

