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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 15, 2008, 4:00 PM
City Council Chambers
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Santa Fe, New Mexico

July 15, 2008

A scheduled meeting of the City of Santa Fe Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chair Ronald Trujillo on this date at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll Call Indicated the Presence of a Quorum as Follows:

Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair
Mr. Herb Harris, Vice-Chair
Dr. Mike Mier
Dr. Nancy Owen-Lewis
Mr. Henry Valdez
Mr. Pete Mizrahi

Members Excused:

Mr. Michael Bowen
Mr. Frank Stuto

Staff Present:

Chief Eric Johnson, Santa Fe Police Department
Deputy Chief Ben Montaño, Santa Fe Police Department
Capt. Anthony Robbin, Santa Fe Police Department
Fire Chief Chris Rivera, Santa Fe Fire Department
Shannon Cantu, Santa Fe Police Department
Michelle Babcock, Santa Fe Police Department
Jeanne Price, Legislative Liaison
Dr. Carol Horowitz, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Liaison

Others Present:

Darren Kolack, Red Flex
Gabriel Taylor, stenographer

Approval of Agenda:

The "Monthly Report from the Municipal Court" was added to the "Matters from the Municipal Court."

Dr. Mier moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Mizrahi seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of June 17, 2008 Minutes:

Vice-Chair Harris moved to approve the June 17, 2008 minutes. Dr. Owen-Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

A. Proposed Ordinance Creating Article 24-4 SFCC 1987, The Santa Fe Traffic Operations Program or "STOP," Regarding Traffic Violations Detected by a Camera or Speed Device (Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Police Chief Eric Johnson)

Capt. Robbin said that there were several questions brought up at the last Committee meeting regarding the proposed ordinance. He explained that each intersection would be marked accordingly with rumble strips and markings. He explained that the section regarding civil fines has been eliminated from the ordinance. He said that a sentence was inserted concerning adjudicated hearings. He said that all hearings officers should be licensed members of the New Mexico State Bar. He explained that there was a question whether there should be fines given for drivers going 10 mph over the posted speed limit.

Capt. Robbin explained that it was also suggested that fines be given for drivers going 5 mph over the posted speed limit in school and construction zones. He said that Mr. Katz didn't feel that an amendment to the ordinance was necessary for this stipulation.

Capt. Robbin said that teens failing to meet conditions set up by the teen court contract would come to the Police Department to take care of any fines and/or penalties that are determined.

Capt. Robbin said that language would be written to specify that teens could be referred to the Teen Court from Municipal Court.

Mr. Valdez was unsure whether there would be problems since city ordinance doesn't specifically call for the installation of rumble strips and notification signage. He also thought it was unnecessary to add any language calling for the deletion of the 1 to 10 mph and 1 to 5 mph in school zones. He thought that this type of penalty was rather excessive.

Chair Trujillo asked if the requirement for the rumble strips is the reason why nothing further is being added to the ordinance. Capt. Robbin said that this opinion came from the City Attorney's office.

Ms. Price explained that because of state law, the city would have to comply, adding that it wasn't necessary in the ordinance. She explained that the issue regarding a driver being stopped for driving a certain number of miles per hour over the posted speed limit, there is nothing currently in the traffic code that addresses this situation.

Mr. Valdez said that there would most likely be little discretion throughout the review process.

Dr. Mier said that he saw no harm in placing the appropriate language in the Ordinance.

He asked if the language on page 13 would be included.

Dr. Mier moved to approve the Proposed Ordinance Creating Article 24-4 SFCC 1987, The Santa Fe Traffic Operations Program or “STOP,” regarding violations of the traffic code detected by a camera or speed device as amended. Dr. Owen-Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

A. Update Regarding 1st Quarter Statistics from City of Santa Fe Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coordinator (Dr. Carol Horowitz)

Dr. Horowitz said that there has been an increase in dispatch reports, as well as increase in bystander reports of domestic violence incidents. She explained that this indicates a positive sign because people are actually reporting these incidents.

Dr. Horowitz said that there has been 61 arrests related to domestic violence incidents in the first quarter of this year. She added that the percentage of victims and of perpetrators, female to male, has been an 80% to 20% split.

The reports from monolingual Spanish speakers have doubled in the past year.

Dr. Horowitz said that there has been an increase in the numbers of child witnesses to incidents of domestic violence.

A barrier survey was done for the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and trans-gender populations. Dr. Horowitz explained that approximately of this population has experienced some form of domestic violence in their relationships. She said that the results of these surveys would be shared with local law enforcement, Esperanza Shelter, and the Santa Fe Rape Crisis Center and Trauma Treatment Center.

Dr. Horowitz said that she was unsure how many misdemeanor and felony charges there were individually among the arrests reported.

Mr. Valdez said that it is critical to collect the baseline data this year for future comparisons. He asked if there are any program cuts being done as a result in a lose of Burn Funding. Dr. Horowitz was unsure whether there would be any cuts made in the future, but added that the Coordinated Community Response Council receives a \$30,000 grant through the Esperanza Shelter that pays for a co-facilitator position.

Vice-Chair Harris asked what is included in the 375 total incident reports. Dr. Horowitz said that the incident reports indicate those reports that have been documented.

Chief Johnson said that the Department’s Investigation Section review all the incident reports. Dr. Horowitz said that she collects criminal complaints data as well.

Dr. Owen-Lewis said that she would like to have some more information on the sentences and the follow-up procedures.

Dr. Horowitz said that she would come back to the Committee with the sentences and follow-up information in approximately 6 months.

Dr. Horowitz said that there is a significant drop-off in the number of convictions.

Dr. Horowitz said that the Coordinated Community Response Council would be meeting on Thursday at 4 p.m. and invited the Committee members to the meeting. She explained that the Council's Faith Work Group would be coming in September. The Council has also developed a program and implemented a dating violence/peer education group. She added that the Council has organized a program that trains business owners to respond when there is an incident of domestic and/or sexual violence.

The Council has worked with St. Vincent's Hospital to update their policies and protocols for domestic violence cases. The Council has also developed a legality assessment for law enforcement officers to use who are responding to an incident.

The Council has provided trainings for substance abuse prevention workers.

Dr. Horowitz said that she personally has contacted approximately 500 victims of sexual or domestic violence.

B. Proposed Recommendation to the Governing Body Regarding the Donation or Sale of One Class A Fire Engine to a Needy Community within the State of New Mexico From Requests Received (Fire Chief Chris Rivera)

Chief Rivera said that old fire engines in the past have typically been donated to needy communities. He said that one possibility would be to sell the vehicle to a needy community. He added that he has no opinion on this matter. He asked for a recommendation from the Committee that could be passed on to the City Council.

Chief Rivera said that there are six departments in the state that have requested the donation of a vehicle. Dr. Mier thought that the community with the greatest need would be the Hillsboro community.

Dr. Mier moved to approve the donation of the Class A Fire Engine to the Hillsboro Community Fire Department. Mr. Mizrahi seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 1.

Matters From the Municipal Court:

A. Monthly Report for June 2008

The reports were given to the Committee members.

Matters From Police Chief Eric Johnson:

Chief Johnson said that the New Mexico Enforcement Law Agency was held on July 2nd. He said that the two graduates would be assigned to patrol teams starting next week.

Recruiting efforts are coming along smoothly. There are five vacancies currently. Testing will be held on Friday.

The renovation of the Main Police Station building has begun. The new impound lot inspection will be completed this week. The Department received the grant from the State, which will be used to install 75 new in-car computers.

Vice-Chair Harris asked what percentage of the Department officers is female. Approximately 12% of the Department's officers are female.

Chair Trujillo thanked Chief Johnson for the Department's recruiting effort.

Dr. Mier asked if information could be presented to the Committee.

Capt. Robbin said that the Department is working on the vehicle forfeiture program and locating an impound lot. He said that the Department has met with the State's land office regarding a 1.1-acre section that could be used to accommodate the vehicle forfeiture program. He said that the finalization is being worked out right now by the city and the state.

Matters From Fire Chief Chris Rivera:

Chief Rivera said that the Department held their event this past Saturday. It was successful. There were 52 calls made to the Fire Department yesterday, primarily on the north east side of the city.

Chief Rivera said that The Department would be participating in the Night Out event.

Chair Trujillo thanked the Department for Saturday's event.

Matters from Committee Members:

None

Communications From The Floor:

None

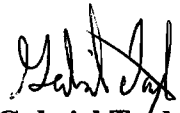
Adjournment:

Its business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Approved by

Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabriel Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "T".

Gabriel Taylor, Stenographer