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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 4:00 PM

City Council Chambers

200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

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6. Matters from Police Chief Patrick Gallagher
7. Matters from Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg
8. Matters from the Regional Emergency Communications Center Ken Martinez
9. Communications from the Floor
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11. Adjournment

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
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1. Roll Call and Call to Order

Councilor Chris River, Chair for the Public Safety Committee called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Let the record reflect that a quorum did not exist.

Present

Councilor Chris Rivera
Peter Mizrahi
Dr. Nancy Owen Lewis
Joe Arellano
Dr. Mike Mier

Absent/Excused

Eric Johnson
Mike Bowen, Excused
Herbert Harris

Others Present:

Mario Salbidrez, Deputy Police Chief
Deputy Chief Andrew Padilla
Jessica Pfeiffer, Office Manager, SFPD
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Mier moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Mizrahi, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of the September 19, 2017 Minutes and October 17, 2017

Corrections: September 19, 2017 – Reference to Chair ~~Dominguez~~, Chair Rivera

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4. New Business/Action Items:

A. APPROVAL OF THE STOP (Safe Traffic Operations Program) RFP (Request for Proposals). (Andrew Padilla, Deputy Chief)

The RFP is based upon the STOP ordinance recently approved by city council and adjoining committees. Main focus of the RFP is under the Scope of

Services, most all other wording is boiler plate wording required by the Purchasing Department. This company will provide speed monitoring devices separate from the actual speed monitoring vehicles. They will be able to identify streets, locations, separate from what we have identified as problem areas. At the bare minimum we will start with 2 vehicles, this will change progressively as reports are provided and review of the problem areas are discovered. They will also handle all the fee requests for violations and allow the officers to data on the system and follow the STOP ordinance to the actual points. They will identify drivers within the identified period of two years who have received citations. If they have received 2 or more citations within 2-years the fee will increase. They will provide audits on information, maintaining the vehicles; all maintenance will be their responsibility. Neither the Police Department nor the city will be purchasing those vehicles. They will provide quarterly audit reports to SFPD and they will work with the City Government office to work with the contracted company, VIRTUOSO who will pursue outstanding fees and collections.

Mr. Mizrahi asked if we knew how many companies would bid on this RFP.

Deputy Chief Padilla said they have no information at this time.

Dr. Mier asked; as part of the RFP there is no identification of where the vehicles will be or how many vehicles will be provided.

Deputy Chief Padilla said they would start with 2 vehicles and to start one would be located in North and the other in the South side of town. If the City Council wanted to bump it up to 3-4 vehicles, as we had in the past, that is what would be done.

Mr. Arellano asked about the length of the contract.

Deputy Chief Padilla: It is a 4-year contract.

Chief Rivera asked that the term of 4-years is actually 1 year with the option of 3-years, is that correct? The Chair would like to be assured that the contract allows for review at the end of each year.

Deputy Chief Salbidrez stated that in the past it was a 2-year contract and after that 2-years had the ability to renew for an addition 3-years.

Dr. Mier stated that under the terms and negotiations it says; this agreement will be effective for 4-years. Will the wording be amended to reflect 2 years with an option to renew for 2 years?

Deputy Chief Padilla stated that he together with Chief Gallagher and Councilor Harris was in agreement with the 4-year period. This would be a guaranteed 4 years, with a clause that states review after 30-days.

Dr. Mier referred to TERM; TERMINATION.

Mr. Mizrahi said the contract does give both entities an opportunity to request termination with appropriate notice, i.e., the city may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the Contractor 10-day written notice.

Chair Rivera asked Deputy Chief Padilla to cautiously review the 4-year term language before proceeding. Contracts are typically 1-year with the option to renew up to 4-years. The Chair would like this review to be completed prior to going to other committees.

Deputy Chief Padilla will proceed with this direction.

The Chair restated that concerns are about where the vehicles are going to be placed and will it be data driven. What are the plans to be ahead of the STOP vehicles should SFPD decide to place another vehicle based on the data received.

Deputy Chief Padilla said that they would be using both the STOP speed monitoring devices separate from the vehicles as well as the city system. Deputy Chief Padilla explained the Janwar boxes functionality and how they are programmed in the residential areas by required speed. The information gathered from the Janwar boxes is downloaded and reviewed.

The Chair clarified that the display devices do not give any data; they just advise if they are going to fast?

Deputy Chief Padilla, concurred, yes.

The Chair asked if they spoke to Traffic Division regarding variation in speeds, example, Airport Road, 40 miles per hour on one side and 45 miles on the other side and gave the appearance that we were trying to trap people. The Chair wanted to assure that the signage has been corrected and be consistent with the appropriate speed.

Deputy Chief Padilla said this is the first he has heard of it and he will follow up with the Traffic Division. He added that many constituents call the police department to report speeds; this information is forwarded to Traffic Engineering. The request will also be shared information from Traffic Engineer for data gathering.

Dr. Mier: You mentioned that there is going to be, two vehicles initially.

Dr. Mier asked if the preference now is for 2 vehicles? If it isn't in the RFP isn't it harder to implement.

Deputy Chief Padilla restated that there would be 2 vehicles to start, one on the north side and the other on south side.

Dr. Mier asked; why is that since there is an interest in different neighborhoods to have traffic monitored.

Deputy Chief Padilla: In answer to Dr. Mier he referred to the Scope of Services, where it states plural that they will provide speed monitoring vehicle(s). If we identify that we need say 20 in 2-3 years we can move forward. At this time, Chief Padilla said he cannot quantify how many vehicles they need until data can support adding more.

Dr. Mier, we had this program in the past. Why are we easing in to the program when we have had this program?

Deputy Chief Padilla: Data may have changed since we had the program. When the program was terminated, we had 4-vehicles. As the pattern of traffic has changed and the driving habits of people may have changed, we want to monitor from day one to make the additions of vehicles in to the program.

Dr. Mier: Will there be some signage for speed monitoring prior to arriving at the camera.

Deputy Padilla: Yes, that is correct and it is being done to give the driver fore-warning that they are approaching a speed monitoring vehicle.

Chief Salbidrez: In past discussions with the Chief and Deputy Chief, we felt that when there were 4 traffic vehicles in the previous program, it gave the perception that we were always in the same area. There was no break or relief for some neighborhoods because they weren't being moved. We felt that with 2 it would be easier to deploy and the view to the general public is that moving them to different locations provides a more positive perception and concern for our community. The reason for the signs is that we are in the business of voluntary compliance, we want the citizens to voluntarily comply with the speed limits. Our goal is to give them this forewarning and to have them slow down. These vehicles may come, slow it down, our job is to keep them safe.

Dr. Lewis: How will you determine where to place the first two vehicles and how will you determine where to place in subsequent months/years?

Deputy Chief Padilla restated that when the vendor is onboard, they will provide reports which provide determination for location of the speed devices. This together with the information from the SFPD will assist in the coordination of where the vehicles should be.

Dr. Nancy Owen Lewis also asked and/or stated that review will need to be made for appropriate location to assure they are not placed in areas such as shoulders, sidewalks, median, etc.

Deputy Chief Padilla explained the process that they use which will capture the to and from data from the driver in speeding situations. Every location will require a site inspection to assure there is no infringement as stated above.

Dr. Mier: Wouldn't you agree that there are area's that have repeated speeders in the certain areas?

Deputy Chief Padilla: Yes, we agree. We know that the public will be calling once they know this program is back in effect and their requests will be closely analyzed for future placement of the vehicles.

Dr. Mier stated that the road coming in by the National Cemetery is a high speed area and monitoring would be beneficial there.

It was noted that St. Francis Drive is a state road so we cannot place a vehicle there. SFPD will work closely with NMDOT to inform them of this program. SFPD does use the traffic calming vehicle in that area when possible. This method is used to project that an officer is in the vehicle and the drivers slow down.

Chair reconfirmed that the STOP vehicles cannot be deployed on state roads.

Dr. Mier stated that the vehicles should be close to an intersection to view traffic on the city road. Vehicle should be placed where the officer can identify and validate the vehicle that is speeding.

Mr. Arellano asked which roads are considered State Roads.

Deputy Chief Padilla identified the following:

Cerrillos Rd. is maintained by the City.

St. Francis Drive is a state highway.

St. Michael's Drive is a state road as well.

Roads will need to be identified if they are city or state as we determine locations for the vehicles.

Chair Rivera: Evaluation Committee Member – It says, that person or the representative will evaluate however many proposals we get.

Deputy Chief Padilla: That is correct, I clarified and they asked I leave Robert Rodarte's name in as he is still there although he is on Annual Leave. It was also noted that the review would be consistent with the representatives who are listed. One representative cannot start the process and another continues, it would be the individual who is listed.

Chair Rivera: Once the RFP goes out and the bids come in, I would like for it to come back to Public Safety as it makes its way through the process.

Deputy Chief Padilla: I will check with purchasing on this procedure and report back at next meeting.

Dr. Mier moved to approve the STOP (Safe Traffic Operations Program) RFP, second by Mr. Mizrahi, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. Matters from Municipal Court Judge Virginia Vigil (Report in packet).
Staff to invite Judge Vigil for December meeting.
6. Matters from Police Deputy Chief Mario Salbidrez

We do not have current numbers for this month, once the system is active we will send the numbers to the committee.

Holiday Update

- Christmas Tree Lighting on the Plaza will be on Friday, November 24th (There will be road blocks for public safety).
- Holiday Patrol Division – 6 districts for overtime alone. Lower part of Cerrillos Road, middle of Cerrillos Road, officers will be assigned to do close patrol and high visibility. For Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Investigation officers will be working in plain clothes. Mobile video trailers will also be utilized in different locations as a deterrent.
- Farrolito Event – police patrol.
- New Year's Event continues to grow, relatively safe in years past.
- Conversation – Met with Superintendent of Insurance and discussed the placard, "Warning this vehicle may be participating in GPS monitoring". SFPD will work cooperatively with this program. Auto theft is a high crime in our community.
- Beckner Road is opened, SFPD cannot patrol as it is not an accepted road by the city, and it is a private road. Once it is accepted we can then proceed with enforcement. We are limited as to what we can do but we can cite for reckless driving.

Dr. Mier: With the recent development at Santa Fe High School, is Police Department working with the school?

Chief Salbidrez, we do have a cooperative agreement with the schools and we are in continuous communications with Mr. Gabe Romero from their Safety Department. He reaches out to the police department and if we can help find a solution we will help.

The concern was raised with the opening of 599 and Jaguar that there is a lot of reported speeding along Jaguar Drive. Chief Salbidrez said that they will deploy devices to discover if there is actual speeding going on and monitor closely.

7. Matters from Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg

- The Recruit Academy has been in effect for the past 16 weeks; graduation on December 8th at 10:00 am, graduating 19 of 20.
- Greater Santa Fe Fire Shed: Working collaboratively to manage the land around the watershed. As an active community some do not agree with what we are doing. We try to sway their opinion. The Fire Chief extended an invitation to the PSC members to visit the watershed next year and understand the land management.
- Wildland appointments are near an end, we sent rapid extraction model crew to rescue responders. We teamed up with Flagstaff Fire Department which allowed us to have more of our staff stay local. It has been a successful year for us.
- SFFD congratulations! Fund raising game vs. SFPD. Nov. 28th 6:30 pm SF High School.
- Chief Salbidrez talked about holiday planning. We are looking for individuals using fryers for turkeys and asking that they keep away from your portals.
- Public Community Relations: Handed out 70 meals.
- Coffee with a Cop Senior Center on Alto St. – December 12th from 11:00 am – 12 noon to meet with staff on community concerns.
- Annual shop with a cop set for December 16th, work with community relations for the kids who have been selected to shop with the officers.

Deputy Chief Padilla reported that the total amount of cadets 2015 – to date – 22 cadets. One did not graduate and he lied on a physical assessment test and he resigned immediately that day. Out of 22, 2 moved on, law enforcement was not for them, 1 returned to Probation and Parole Department leaving a balance of 19.

Drug prevention in schools – Drug Prevention Alliance, there is a new director working with her who will reach out to the schools to research if we can do that. Some of the schools do not want us there they feel it is disruptive.

8. Matters from the Regional Emergency Communications Center Ken Martinez
Not present.
9. Communications from the Floor
None

10. Matters from Committee Members

- Mr. Mizrahi: Having mentioned above that Cerrillos Rd. is a State Highway; can the Traffic Division work with them regarding the stretch from Chiles Restaurant to Wal-Mart (north) – poorly lit. What can the city do on lighting?
- Chief Salbidrez: The lighting responsibility does belong to the city and they contract with PNM . We will pass it on to the proper person.
- Dr. Nancy Owen Lewis: Speeding on Camino Del Monte Sol. She received a letter from a constituent who has lived on that street since 2008. He brought to her attention and to 4 of the city councilors his request to have the SFPD look into this area as there are a lot of accidents and it is not safe for the pedestrians. Chief Salbidrez will follow up in this area. (Exhibit A)


Chair Rivera: City Manager announced that he has no plans to replace the Police Chief at this time. Deputy Chief Padilla and Deputy Chief Salbidrez will co-op the responsibilities (Administration/Operations) and report to the City Manager. The City Manager will begin the process for a new Chief of Police after the Mayor's election.

Next meeting agenda item: Report from Animal Services around licensure and enforcement of the ordinances related to dog grooming, dog sitting. The Chair was approached by an individual who feels she is complying with rules and regulations and does not feel like everyone else is.

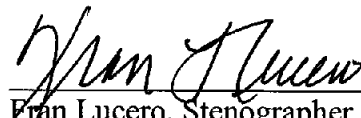
11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Signature Page:



City Councilor Chris Rivera, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer

From: frank clifford [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Nancy Owen Lewis
Subject: eastside traffic [REDACTED]

[Note: He has lived at [REDACTED] Camino del Monte Sol since 2008. He lived on this street during the 1970s, where there were a lot of families. Now there are a lot of absentee owners, with houses not occupied for much of the time. He mentioned that there are speed humps on Garcia Street, but he heard that they can't put speed bumps on Camino del Monte Sol.]

To Nancy Owen Lewis
From Frank Clifford
Ms. Lewis,

Thank you for returning my call. As you requested, here is a summary of what my wife and I have observed and complained about to little avail during the nine years we have lived on Camino del Monte Sol.

This street was never designed for heavy, fast moving traffic. Yet, it has become a de facto thoroughfare for morning and evening commuter traffic. Speeding is the norm as is ignoring stop signs. At the same time, there is significant foot traffic by students walking to and from school, joggers and dog walkers. The street lacks adequate shoulders, especially between Acequia Madre and Santander, where despite the narrowness of the street the city over the years has allowed walls, garages and hardscape to be erected on the shoulders. Today, the street does not safely accommodate the combination of pedestrians and drivers who use it every day. I have brought this matter to the attention of all four council members who have represented the area over the nine years we have lived here. In response, patrol cars have been dispatched for a day or two, a few tickets issued and that's it. (On one occasion, a lieutenant in charge of traffic enforcement told me he had no patrol cars under his jurisdiction after 5 pm.)

I know from conversations with other eastside residents that this problem is by no means unique to Camino del Monte Sol. It's also not the only public safety issue that has beset this side of town. Our home has been burglarized twice and cars in our driveway broken into on two other occasions.

Speaking for this neighborhood, I recommend, at the very least, reducing the speed limit from 25 to 20 on Camino del Monte Sol between Acequia Madre and Santander and dispatching a police patrol periodically to issue tickets and remind drivers that there is a penalty for ignoring posted signs and speed limits. It might also deter potential law breakers who have come to assume that there is virtually no law enforcement presence in this part of town.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Frank Clifford

EXHIBIT A