

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 4:00 PM City Council Chambers 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of agenda
- 3. Approval of April 21, 2009 minutes
- 4. Old business:
 - A. NONE
- 5. New business:
 - A. Proposed Ordinance Repealing Article 20-25 SFCC 1987 Maintenance and Installation of Alarm Devices and Systems and Creating a New Article 20-5 SFCC 1987 Regarding Alarm Systems, False Alarm Reduction and making such other changes as are necessary. (Councilor Calvert and Records Manager Lydia Lioce)
- 6. Matters from Municipal Court
 - A. Informational- Municipal Court April 2009 Report
- 7. Matters from Police Chief Eric Johnson
- 8. Matters from Fire Chief Chris Rivera
- 9. Matters from Committee Members
- 10. Communications from the Floor
- 11. Adjournment

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Call to Order	Call to Order by Chair, Councilor Ronald Trujillo at 4:25 pm	2
Roll Call	A quorum was declared by verbal roll call. All commissioners in attendance.	2
Review and Approval of Minutes Page 6: [6 th paragraph] Correct Mike Bowen's spelling of his name.	Dr. Mier made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Dr. Lewis, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	2
Approval of the Agenda	No Changes, Agenda Approved as Presented	2
Old Business	None	
Proposed ordinance repealing Article 20-25 SFCC 1987 Maintenance and Installation of Alarm Devices and Systems and Creating a New Article 20-5 SFCC 1987 Regarding Alarm Systems, False Alarm Reduction and making such other changes as are necessary. (Councilor Calvert and Records Manager Lydia Lioce)	Dr. Mier moved to approve the Proposed Ordinance Repealing Article 20-25 SFCC 1987 Maintenance and Installation of Alarm Devices and Systems and Creating a New Article 20-5 SFCC 1987 – Regarding Alarm Systems, False Alarm Reduction and making such other changes as are necessary, second by Mr. Mizrahi, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	
Matters from Municipal Report	Written Report	4
Matters from Police Chief Eric Johnson	Informational: thank you	
Matters from Fire Chief Chris Rivera	Informational: thank you	4
Matters from Committee Members	Thank you and presentation of certificate of appreciation to Police Chief Eric Johnson	5
Signature Page and Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm	5

Minutes - Draft Until Approved

Fran Lucero 5/19/2009

Minutes: Draft Until Approved

May 18, 2009

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair for the Committee. The meeting was conducted in the City Council Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The delay in start of the meeting was due to a recording session in the Chambers.

1. Roll Call

In Attendance

Councilor Ronald Trujillo Nancy Owen Lewis, PhD Peter D. Mizrahi Dr. Mike Mier Herbert L. Harris, Jr. Frank Stuto

Excused:

Henry Valdez Mike Bowen

2. Approval of Agenda

Staff had no changes to the Agenda. No changes by the Committee members.

3. Approval of April 21, 2009 minutes.

Page 6: [6th paragraph] Correct Mike Bowen's spelling of his name.

Dr. Mier made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Dr. Lewis, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Old Business None

- 5. New Business
 - A. Proposed ordinance repealing Article 20-25 SFCC 1987 Maintenance and Installation of Alarm Devices and Systems and Creating a New Article 20-5 SFCC 1987 Regarding Alarm Systems, False Alarm Reduction and making such other changes as are necessary. (Councilor Calvert and Records Manager Lydia Lioce)

Ms. Melissa Byers from City Attorney's Office presented the report on the Alarm System Ordinance. The bill is 30-pages long; to expedite the process a memorandum dated 5/15/09 to the Public Safety Committee provides a summary of the changes. The bill would repeal the existing ordinance and establish the new changes.

Councilor Calvert established the task force comprised of interested citizens in the community, holding all parties equally responsible. A member of the task force who is in the alarm industry was present at the meeting to accommodate questions from the committee.

Dr. Lewis made the recommendation for Ms. Byers to present the summary to the committee. [Exhibit A – May 15, 2009 memorandum to Public Safety Committee from Melissa Byers – read verbatim].

Questions:

Is there a comparison between private and public sector? In the report private sector statistics are quoted.

Dr. Mier: Who is going to be responsible for background checks?

Councilor Calvert: The alarm companies are going to be responsible and they will provide a statement that says they have complied with this requirement. If they falsify information they will be fined.

Dr. Mier: Who is the alarm administrator; will it be a City Employee or private third party administrator?

Mr. Mizrahi: Concern from last fall, 2008. Prior to that we were told that the city had a very archaic system, have we taken the steps to rectify that?

Councilor Calvert: The plan is to have the state of the art software. When the ordinance passes the alarm and monitoring companies will have to provide a list of their customers. At that point in time the customer will be contacted to register their alarm systems.

Dr. Lewis: Who will continue the oversight will that be the task force or city staff?

Councilor Calvert: It does have a 1 year review process. The city administrator will need to take oversight if we do have a third party administrator.

Councilor Trujillo: Can you explain why government entities do not get penalized?

Councilor Calvert: Governmental Agencies will fall under a waiver.

Joseph Salazar: ATI Security and serves on the task force.

Through inter-state research it was learned that governmental entities are exempt from fees.

Councilor Trujillo would like to request that the Task Force reconsider the language and waiver of fee's for governmental agencies.

Dr. Mier moved to approve the Proposed Ordinance Repealing Article 20-25 SFCC 1987 Maintenance and Installation of Alarm Devices and Systems and Creating a New Article 20-5 SFCC 1987 – Regarding Alarm Systems, False Alarm Reduction and making such other changes as are necessary, second by Mr. Mizrahi, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Matters from the Municipal Court (Exhibit B: Written April, 2009 report on file, prepared by Ann Yalman, Municipal Court Judge)

7. Matters from Police Chief Eric Johnson

Chief Johnson announced his retirement on next Friday. He is pleased that Deputy Chief Aric Wheeler has been appointed as Chief. Accomplishments include, Phase II of the renovation project at the Police Department which is in demolition phase. Everyone is looking forward to the completion of that project. Officers acquired new vehicles and new digital recorders. We want to see the officers have the best in technology to make them successful.

Mr. Frank Stuto: You have done a great job as chief, and I wish you the best of luck in your retirement and future endeavors.

Chief Wheeler: I invite you to participate on Thursday evening, for a Muscular Dystrophy fund raiser at Applebee's where officers will be waiting on tables.

Next week: The Law Enforcement Torch Run will take plan on the Chief's final day; the Chief will be running and delivering the torch to Sandoval County at La Bajada.

Councilor Trujillo extended appreciation to the Chief for all he has done, not only for the city but for him. Having grown up together and to reflect on his accomplishments presents a challenge, there will be big shoes to fill, he has provided great direction.

Deputy Chief Wheeler: Chief Johnson accomplished the creation of a traffic unit. Motorcycle officers can now patrol areas where we never had protection before. There is now a gymnasium for officers. He conveyed his thanks for all that he has taught him.

8. Matters from the Fire Chief, Chris Rivera

Budget: The Fire Department made a 5% budget cut by cutting an Assistant Chief position. It was also requested that \$400,000 be cut. If it gets cut it will be a 10% cut which won't be feasible for the department. On behalf of the Fire Department Chief and Staff thank you to Chief Johnson, he is leaving the department in good shape.

Councilor Trujillo told Fire Chief Rivera that he will address the \$400,000 added amount mentioned for a cut to his fellow council members.

Frank Stuto: Thank you to the Fire Chief for their service, thank you. He asked that a greeting of thanks be sent to Randy, Charlie and Ted.

9. Matters from the Committee

Councilor Trujillo: "I am so proud of you, you have addressed so many of the problems, you had an important role, and we the public safety committee would like to present you with this certificate of appreciation."

Chief: Thanked the committee and reiterated that Chief Wheeler is going to be happy to work with everyone. There will be struggles in the future and he asked that they continue to support the Chief.

Mr. Mizrahi: I think all of us are happy that the city fathers made the right decision to select Chief Wheeler.

Chief Johnson extended a special thank you to Shannon and Michele for the work they have done not only at the Police Department but on the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Harris moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m., second by Mr. Mizrahi, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

10. Matters from the Floor

On behalf of Governor Bill Richardson, Fran Lucero, Director of Constituent Services, Office of the Governor presented a congratulatory letter and certificate of appreciation to Chief Johnson.

Signatures:	
Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair	
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