



# Agenda

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 4:00 PM

City Council Chambers

200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of Thursday, February 16, 2010 minutes
4. Old business:
  - A. NONE
5. New business:
  - A. Proposed resolution establishing criteria for the consideration of restricted truck, truck trailer and other large vehicle traffic on city streets otherwise known as truck bans (Councilor Rosemary Romero, Signal Engineer Supervisor Rick Devine)
  - B. Proposed joint resolution establishing the City of Santa Fe and County addressing alcohol abuse board (Mayor Coss, Councilor Carmichael Dominguez and Councilor Rosemary Romero, Legislative Liaison Jeanne Price)
6. Matters from Municipal Court – March Monthly Report (Informational)
7. Matters from Police Chief Aric Wheeler
8. Matters from Fire Chief Barbara Salas
9. Matters from Committee Members
10. Communications from the Floor
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The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by the Chair, Councilor Ronald Trujillo in the City Council Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico. A quorum was declared by roll call.

**1. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair

Nancy Owen Lewis, PhD

Peter D. Mizrahi

Mike Mier

Herbert L. Harris, Jr.

Frank Stuto

Henry Valdez

Mike Bowen

**Staff Present:**

Chief Aric Wheeler, Santa Fe Police Department

Assistant Chief Mark Aragon

Deputy Chief Robin Contreras, Santa Fe Fire Department

Shannon Cantu, Secretary, Santa Fe Police Department

Jeanne Price, Legislative Liaison

Rick Devine, Signal Engineer Supervisor

**Others Present:**

Anna Serrano for 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 February 16, 2010 minutes.**

***Mr. Harris moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2010 as presented, second by Mr. Stuto, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

**4. Old Business**

None

**5. New Business**

- A. Proposed resolution establishing criteria for the consideration of restricted truck, truck trailer and other large vehicle traffic on city streets otherwise known as truck bans (Councilor Rosemary Romero, Signal Engineer Supervisor, Rick Devine)**

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Staff informed the committee that the resolution was heard and approved in Public Works. This is an attempt to make more consistent the way the truck bans are evaluated and come to fruition.

Distributed to the committee members for review was a copy of State Statute Chapter 66, Article 7, 66-7-415. Bold faced language: **Local authorities, with respect to streets under their jurisdiction, may also, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles or may impose limitations as to the size or weight thereof, on designated streets in areas that are primarily residential, which prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs placed on such street.** The intent of this language is for Local Government to be able to impose trucks bans are for areas that are primarily residential. The language in the resolution has been created by Councilor Romeo, Mr. Devine and Ms. Jeanne Price and the bulk of what is important is on page 2 and 3 of the resolution. (1) Streets functionally classified by the state or the Metropolitan Planning Organization as local, collector, or minor arterial may be considered for restricted truck traffic. Streets functionally classified as a major arterial shall not be considered. (2) Documentation shall be provided to demonstrate that all of the following are met (listed in resolution a-d). (3) If the above criteria are met, the public works department shall then conduct a traffic study and shall present a recommendation to the Governing Body as part of the Governing Body's consideration.

#### Discussion:

A concern was conveyed from the committee regarding 2-b, "At least 30% of the owners of the properties adjacent to that portion of the street proposed for restricted traffic have signed a petition in support of the restriction, and presented it to the Public Works Department." Mr. Devine stated that the 30% is a duplicate of a percentage used in the traffic calming policy of the city. The way it works in this policy is that streets for residential areas that want to be traffic calmed have to approach the city to find out what the policy is that has been adopted and one of those policies is that residents have to come forward with a petition of which 30% of those residents support investigating further to see if they end up with traffic calming. It looks like an arbitrary number but it is consistent with the traffic calming policy and a procedure. It was asked that if 30% of a street signed the petition for traffic calming and then decided they don't want it, is 75% of it going to be removed. Mr. Devine said that in order for traffic calming to move forward those residents have to approve by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority. After a period of time if the residents feel that they don't want the traffic calming any longer they would have to do another ballot and that is the ballot that would have to come back in ¾. It was asked; if the 30% is just to initiate the study? Mr. Devine said yes, that is correct. Dr. Mier asked; "there are a significant amount of streets already in Santa Fe that have truck bans, how does this relate to that?" Mr. Devine said that this provision does not have any language for grandfathering existing streets that have been cut back. Streets that have been cut back currently have been the result primarily of individual requests that have gone through this committee, the City Council, Public Works and so forth to get them in place, but they have not been through any traffic engineering or

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any scientific way of determining support other than the governing body, so it is silent in the existing streets.

Dr. Mier asked if the intent of the resolution is to align with the statute primarily to have the effect of basically aligning the statute to pursue this in the future not necessarily grandfathering the existing truck bans or will we be grandfathering the existing truck bans?

Ms. Price added; the existing truck bans, we have seen a lot of them, those are by law and passed by ordinance and in the code book, they would not be able to get rid of those unless they came back through the regular review process and amending the code. What this does is establishes a process for new requests.

The Chair addressed Section C: *The state transportation commission shall likewise have authority, as granted to local authorities in Subsections A and B of this section, to determine by resolution and to impose restrictions as to the size and weight of vehicles operated upon any highways under the jurisdiction of the commission, and such restrictions shall be effective on and after the passage of a resolution and when signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the highway or portion of any highway affected by such resolution. The commission shall deliver a copy of all restrictions adopted by it to the motor transportation division of the department of public safety.* Does this comply with anytime any state funding is given to the city and they use it on say Siringo Road, does it then become jurisdiction of the state?

That is a good question, Mr. Devine said the way he interprets it is that the Transportation Commission has the authority to impose those restrictions but it goes on to say for vehicles operated on any highways under the jurisdiction of the commission. Mr. Devine said that he will look further into the question at hand.

***Mr. Harris moved to recommend approval of the Resolution establishing criteria for the consideration of restricted truck, truck trailer and other large vehicle traffic on city streets otherwise known as truck bans, second by Dr. Owen-Lewis, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

- B. Proposed joint resolution establishing the City of Santa Fe and County addressing Alcohol Abuse Board (Mayor Coss, Councilor Carmichael Dominguez and Councilor Rosemary Romero, Legislative Liaison – Jeanne Price.)

A while back in response to the DWI issues in our community, the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners established a task force to study the DWI issue, education, taxation, etc., and our Chief was an active part of that group. There were various action steps that came from this group. In response came the idea of establishing a long term board between the county and city to address alcohol abuse and to coordinate some of the joint efforts. The community advocate for DWI issues, Cynthia Delgado, focused on what

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came out of the task force and this resolution was the end result. Ms. Delgado had planned to be at the meeting but was unable to attend.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked if it was just oversight of city and county. There are a lot of state programs involved in Santa Fe. She asked for more information.

It was asked who this board would report to? The response was that it would report to the City Council and the County Commissioners. Ms. Price said it also offers oversight to programs that already exist in the city and county. She also referred to Page 2-Item C: Duties and Responsibilities, to mention a few; a) Establish goals and objectives consistent with the Board's purpose, b) Oversee the Santa Fe DWI program and its planning council including reviewing DWI program budget to ensure that the program is aligned with the priorities to the community; c) Ensure that the Santa Fe City and County Dashboard Program is maintained. Ms. Price continued by saying that she did not think that it would be oversight of any state level programs.

The Chief said that some of the first discussions held were regarding the programs involved and which had state oversight. Unfortunately it wasn't at the level of being able to define state programs. There was some discussion on federal level programs since they were so close to involving tribal entities. The Chief said that the bigger the picture got they knew it would be too hard to control. Ms. Delgado's attendance today would have been extremely helpful as she has been the facilitator to work with all of the sub-groups that were created out of the task force. She has been instrumental in making sure that the tasks are completed. Deputy Chief Anaya has been working closely with Ms. Delgado. She meets with the police department regularly, looks at their numbers and assures that everything is in line and she reports back to the DWI Czar.

Dr. Mier shared one concern that utilizing the resources that are available, and he understands of staying within the confounds of the county and the city, but if dollars are being spent from this type of program statewide, he would hope that they could utilize some of these tools and secondly, there is no mention of the Public Safety in this document, somehow it needs to be reiterated that the Public Safety needs to be tied in to this and would like to work hand-in-hand with this group in terms of education, in terms of supporting them.

Mr. Valdez stated that in regards to the planning council, he is concerned with Section C-(b) *Oversee the Santa Fe DWI Program and its planning council including reviewing DWI program budget to ensure that the program is aligned with the priorities of the community.* He would like to ask someone from the planning council do they want that oversight? Because it seems like what is being said is that whatever autonomy they did have now they are not going to have that autonomy they are going to be overseen by this board to include approval of their budget. Mr. Valdez said that his experience with the planning council is that they are very much in line people deciding where the budget should be spent and what

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programs will be beneficial. Now there will be a layer of people in that process. This is a concern he has since the Planning Council is not represented to speak to this action.

Ms. Price said that she helped in writing this resolution as a legislative liaison but she was not involved very closely in determining what the focus of this body was. She took others thoughts and put them on the paper, she can't say that the planning council is happy or not.

Dr. Owen Lewis said that it looks good and it makes a lot of sense but she would not like for it to be another level of bureaucracy that makes it more difficult to accomplish the goals and it would be great to have Cynthia Delgado come and speak to the committee and possibly someone from the planning council.

Ms. Price noted that this is a topic of discussion for the Board of County Commissioners scheduled for May 11, 2010 and to the City Council on May 12, 2010.

***Mr. Valdez moved to table this resolution request until the next meeting, second by Dr. Owen-Lewis, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

6. Matters from Municipal Court – Informational  
February and March, 2010 reports were provided to the Committee.
7. Matters from Police Chief Aric Wheeler

At a recent meeting Chief Wheeler complimented the Sgt. on the work being done with burglaries. He was pleased to announce that the burglaries are at their lowest rate ever. February was the lowest in 3-years.

Mr. Mizrahi asked for a status on the red light program. Chief Wheeler said that they continue to meet to discuss what is the best process to utilize for the red light program. He will report in more detail at the next meeting. RedFlex understand the position that the City is in. It was also stated that RedFlex is conducting a survey on intersections that should be monitored, more information to follow. The information that is gathered from the survey and any other options will be presented to the Committee.

8. Matters from Fire Chief Barbara Salas

On behalf of Chief Salas, the message was conveyed on the Lifepak 15's, they have been received and training is being conducted. The advantage of the Lifepak will give a quicker response and treatment on cardiac emergencies.

9. Matters from Committee Members  
Recently there was a tragedy in Albuquerque where two young ladies were killed when the police were in pursuit of a bank robber. Dr. Mier asked if the Chief could share the policy for the



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City of Santa Fe Police Department on Pursuits at the next meeting. Also, on the corner of Alta Vista and St. Francis Drive, when they have games there are cars parked on both sides. It is very dangerous with parking on both side (double parking), and the curbs are painted. The Chief stated it is an enforcement matter and they will make every effort to patrol that area.

Mr. Harris told the Chief that at the intersection of Sawmill and Rodeo Road, and this could be an engineering matter, the timing of the lights is out of sync. The green light is lasting forever.

The Chair just gave the reminder that summer is around the corner and he wants to be assured that the parks are patrolled. The Chief said that they have already started the park patrol. If they start off early and send the message, it will bring better awareness.

Dr. Mier said that he is the Chair for Keep Santa Fe Beautiful and that people have to be reminded that there is an alcohol problem in this city. He invites anyone who can participate on Saturday for spring clean up and you will see how amazing it is on how many beer cans are picked up throughout this community.

**10. Communications from the floor**

None

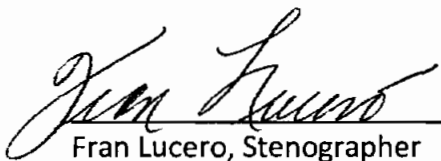
**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Bowen moved to adjourn at 4:45 pm, second by Dr. Mier, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signature:

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Councilor Ronald Trujillo



Fran Lucero, Stenographer