



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 18, 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, April 20, 2010 minutes
4. Old business:
 - A. Proposed resolution establishing the Santa Fe City and County addressing alcohol abuse board (Mayor Coss, Councilor Carmichael Dominguez and Councilor Rosemary Romero, Legislative Jeanne Price, Cynthia Delgado)
5. New business:
 - A. Project Agreement between the State of New Mexico Department of Transportation, Programs Division, Traffic Safety Bureau and the City of Santa Fe (Police Lieutenant Dale Lettenberger)
 - B. Status on Red Light Camera Program (Police Captain Anthony Robbin)
 - C. Donation of two Fire Department ambulances to Torrance County (Fire Chief Barbara Salas)
6. Matters from Municipal Court
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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Old Business a. Proposed resolution establishing the Santa Fe City and County addressing alcohol abuse board (Mayor Coss, Councilor Carmichael Dominguez and Councilor Rosemary Romero, Legislative Liaison Jeanne Price and Cynthia Delgado)	Mr. Bowen moved to table Item 4-a, second by Dr. Mier, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	2
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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 18, 2010

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The May 18, 2010 Meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order by the Chair, Ronald Trujillo at 4:05 pm in the City Council Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Chair asked for roll call.

1. Roll Call

Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair
Nancy Owen Lewis, PhD
Peter D. Mizrahi
Dr. Mike Mier
Herbert L. Harris, Jr.
Henry Valdez
Mike Bowen

Excused

Frank Stuto

Staff Present

Police Chief Aric Wheeler
Lieutenant Dale Letterberger
Captain Anthony Robbin
Fire Chief Barbara Salas
Michelle Romero-Babcock, Secretary SFPD

Others Present

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

No changes from Staff or the Committee.

Mr. Bowen approved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Harris, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of April 20, 2010 Minutes

Dr. Mier moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2010 as presented, second by Dr. Owen-Lewis, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Old Business

- a. Proposed resolution establishing Santa Fe City and County addressing alcohol abuse board (Mayor Coss, Councilor Carmichael Dominguez and Councilor Rosemary Romero, Legislative Liaison, Jeanne Price, Cynthia Delgado)**

Mr. Bowen moved to table Item 4-a, second by Dr. Mier, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. New Business

- a. Project Agreement between the State of New Mexico Department of Transportation, Programs Division, Traffic Safety Bureau and the City of Santa Fe (Police Lieutenant Dale Lettenberger)**

The committee was presented with the Project Agreement for review and approval. The agreement details the use of the \$65,500. Lt. Lettenberger explained that the grant money is for the purchase of a GPS system which will be used for the fatality type crashes or serious bodily injury crashes. This GPS system goes off a satellite, once it is set up it will track in from 12 different satellites and it will pinpoint down at 4 millimeters. In turn if there is a large crash scene with this system out there they can map out a whole intersection and in two years if that intersection was gone you could drop it in. They are also going to purchase additional lydars for the motorcycle units; they can be used for radar detection and/or distance. This will enable the officer to use laser vs. the old fashion tape measure and it will expedite the movement of vehicles once the area is measured.

The city is still going through the process and a final amount has not been determined. Once the approval is received and signatures are acquired from the city it will be submitted for final approval. There is no match from the city.

Dr. Lewis asked about the effective date of this contract as in the material presented to the committee it says effective October 1, 2007 and terminates on September 30, 2008. The Lt. has spoken to DOT and informed them on the discrepancy of these dates. Corrections are being made and when proofed will be sent to the Mayor and Council for signature. The correct dates are not available at this time but normal term is a year.

Dr. Mier asked if training is inclusive. Lt. Lettenberger said yes, training is included.

Mr. Harris asked if the present patrol cars have GPS systems. The Lt. answered that they do, these GPS units are in a backpack and used when on the motorcycles.

Dr. Mier had questions relayed to the downloading process from the laptops to a server. This discussion will be held in a direct manner with the Chief at a later date outside of this meeting. Dr. Mier did ask what percentage of units have laptops. The Chief answered that 80% of the units have laptops although they have enough laptops for all units but they are in the process of doing upgrades.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve the purchase of the Lydar Units, second by Mr. Harris, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Status on Red Light Camera Program (Police Captain Anthony Robbin)

Captain Robbins reported that the speed van citations started on December 1, 2009 and 5000 citations have been issued and they have had payments of \$175,000 through the system. The city gets 36% of this amount which translates to \$62,000. The DOT ruling March 18, 2010 they can no longer deploy the speed van on state highways. This will eliminate St. Francis Drive, Hwy 599, Cerrillos Road, St. Michaels Drive and the curvature at St. Michael's over to Old Pecos Drive S., also N Paseo de Peralta and Hyde Park Road. They are in the city limits more now.

Right now they are at about 50% of people liking it. Back to 5 days a week and eventually it will go back to 7 days a week. The most compliments received are in school zones. So far there are 220 hearing requests and are still awaiting the hearing officer.

Direction was given to Captain Robbin to locate 4 non-DOT of the most congested roads that could utilize the speed van immediately. Those areas in District 1 are Guadalupe and Alameda, Palace and Paseo de Peralta, Alameda and Paseo de Peralta, Guadalupe and West San Francisco. In District 2 they looked at Pacheco and San Mateo, Rodeo and Sawmill, Cordova and Don Gaspar, Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta. In District 3 they looked at Airport and Paseo del Sol, Rufina and Lopez, Airport and Meadows, Agua Fria and Siler. District 4 they looked at Rodeo and Richards, Richards and Governor Miles, Rodeo and Camino Carlos Rey.

The 4 highest intersections were in Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta, Richards and Rodeo, Rodeo and Zafarano, Airport and Meadows. Chris Ortega, Traffic Engineer at the City confirmed that these are all non-DOT intersections; they are all under city authority.

Total Violations:

Paseo de Peralta and Old Santa Fe Trail – 205 total in 12 hours
Rodeo and Zafarano East-187, North-0, South 93 and West 136
Richards Ave. and Rodeo – East-265, North-82, South-2 and West-308
Meadows and Airport, East-88, North-11, South-11 and West-23.

The committee asked that the crash data be provided in the next report.

Mr. Mizrahi asked if there was an anticipated date when the cameras would be running for these 4 critical intersections. Captain Robbin said once these intersections are approved the first camera could be up within 30 days and the other ones after they get permits from the city and the approvals.

Dr. Mier asked how they arrived at the numbers, for example at Guadalupe and Alameda – 82, is that actual? Captain Robbin said that they put the camera out there, they roll the tape for a 12-hour period, and these were actual violations. The dates coincide with the actual date the survey was done.

The Chair asked the Chief for an update on the hearing officer. The Chief said that he is waiting for a response from Judge Barbara Vigil from a meeting that took place between City Legal, Captain Robbin and Deputy Chief Contreras who were trying to establish the criteria; it will take 30-days to advertise and it will be a decision of the Judge as to who the person is going to be. It is the Chief's understanding that they are presently working on the criteria list. There were some requests from both the City and the Judge and those comments are being incorporated.

The Chair asked for clarity on the statement where the state is asking for their share of the money. He would like a reconciliation of this account as to where the money is going. He wants to make sure that the money is going to the correct programs and there is a commitment from the state on what was agreed on. Captain Robbin knows where it is suppose to know, but officially at the offset it states where it should be utilized. The Chair reiterated he would like to see the data once it is available.

The Chair expressed his thanks to Captain Robbin and to the Chief for their good work.

It was asked when requests come in for the speed van how quickly is that request met. Captain Robbin said that it normally takes a week after the offset of request.

Dr. Mier said that he knows DOT prohibits the use of red lights, does that prohibition also include the van. Captain Robbin said yes it does.

The Chief said as a follow up comment; when they receive complaints they try to utilize the traffic units immediately. When he receives complaints from constituents he becomes pro-active and utilizes the resources they have, i.e., traffic officers and traffic units.

c. Donation of two Fire Department ambulances to Torrance County (Fire Chief Barbara Salas)

The City Fire Department is requesting the donation of two Ford Rescue Ambulances to the Torrance County Volunteer Fire and EMS Department. Torrance County Manager Joy Ansley and Fire Marshal Jason Trumbel have submitted a written request for the donation. Due to limited funding sources, Torrance County currently has only two of their five fire districts offering Emergency Medical Services.

The Purchasing Office supports this donation to the Torrance County volunteer Fire and EMT Department based on the following criteria:

- Both Ambulances are scheduled to go to auction in July 2010.
- Both Ambulances are fully depreciated as of April 30, 2010.
- The Torrance County Volunteer Fire and EMT Department meets the City of Santa Fe donation policies.

For the record: By City policy, any donation to another governmental entity requires approval from the Finance Committee and City Council (City Purchasing Manual Section 30.3),

Mr. Bowen moved for approval of the donation of two Fire Department ambulances to Torrance County, second by Mr. Harris, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**6. Matters from Municipal Court
Report in packet.**

7. Matters from Police Chief Aric Wheeler

The Chief stated that they have been in the midst of budget review. The Police Department was approved last evening and will go on to the Mayor and Council for approval.

The Chief advised that he would attend the Law Enforcement Memorial services sponsored by the Department of Public Safety.

The Chief reported that they are seeing a decline in residential burglaries and hopes that they don't increase with the good weather. He is also working diligently on a collaborative relationship with the courts on how to deal with offenders.

Councilor Trujillo stated that the Franklin Miles Park is still needing added police patrol. The Chief said that they have already started foot patrols and actually made a request to have the gates locked. They have run in to some problems where gates are not operable or haven't been locked. They have been reported to the Parks Department and they are in process to make these repairs.

8. Matters from Fire Chief Barbara Salas

The Chief reported on Impact & Awareness Day which will be held to teach the public on safety. An invitation will be forthcoming to the committee members in hopes of their attending. The date is June 10, 2010 at 11:30 am at Fire Station 2. IMPACT Personal Safety is a nonprofit organization who teaches people to prevent and defend themselves against verbal, physical and sexual violence. She is asking that the Mayor issue a Proclamation for Impact and Awareness Day.

9. Matters from Committee Members

- Mr. Mizrahi said that they are finally seeing the alarm companies sending out billings.
- Dr. Mier expressed his thank to the Chief and Police Department for working on the Salvador Perez parking matter.
- The Chair asked the Chief to assure there were adequate safety officers at the Fishing Derby on June 5th, 2010.
- The Chief said the he will be participating in the Special Olympics run which will start at the Court House at 7:00 am to Ugly Tower on I-25.
- The Chair said that tonight's meeting was the last meeting for Mr. Henry Valdez and expressed his sincerest of thanks on behalf of the committee for his 12 years of service.

10. Communication from the Floor

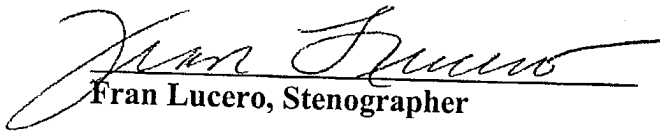
None

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Harris moved to adjourn at 4:52 pm, second by Dr. Mier, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair


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