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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
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**City Council Chambers**  
**200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501**

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

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**June 19, 2007**

A scheduled meeting of the City of Santa Fe Public Safety Committee was called to order by Vice-Chair Harris 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 Dr. Karen Heldmeyer, Chair  
Mr. Herb Harris, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Mike Mier  
Dr. Nancy Owen-Lewis  
Mr. Frank Stuto  
Mr. Pete Mizrahi  
Mr. Michael Bowen  
Mr. Henry Valdez

**Staff Present:**

Chief Eric Johnson, Santa Fe Police Department  
Deputy Chief Ben Montaño, Santa Fe Police Department  
Fire Chief Chris Rivera, Santa Fe Fire Department  
Sgtl Gillian Folmar-Alessio, Santa Fe Police Department  
Officer Marvin Paulk, Santa Fe Police Department  
Walter Roybal, Santa Fe Parking Division  
Shannon Cantu, Santa Fe Police Department

**Others Present:**

Carol Luna-Anderson, Life Link  
Mary Bradshaw, Life Link  
Sevastian Gurule, Supervisor, Santa Fe Constituent Services  
Dave McQuarie, ADA advocate  
Martin Valdez, Santa Fe Public Works Department  
Walter Roybal, Santa Fe Parking Division  
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Gabriel Taylor, stenographer

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Mr. Mizrahi moved for approval of the agenda. Dr. Mier seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**Approval of May 15, 2007 Minutes:**

Page 5, sixth paragraph, second sentence should be changed to: *“The Citizen’s Academy charges citizens \$25 for the course, at which time each class is provided dinner.”*

**Dr. Owen-Lewis moved to approve the May 15, 2007 as amended. Dr. Mier seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**Informational Item:**

**A. Presentation of Crisis Response of the First 24 Hours- Final Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Fe Health & Human Services Weekly Community Forum- Carol Luna Anderson, Mary Bradshaw, Life Link**

Ms. Luna-Anderson explained that as part of Health and Human Services Week, a group made of up local agencies met to discuss crisis response in the first 24 hours. The group studied responses and what other services are available besides the 911 services. In addition, there was a Community Forum with over 100 participants. One of the main concerns discussed at the Forum was the lack of a local Mobile Crisis Response Team in Santa Fe. There is a 24-hour informational crisis line staffed by professionals, but it is not a mobile unit.

Another main issue brought by the Forum participants was the lack of a safe place or a crisis team on-call for individuals experiencing mental crises.

Ms. Luna-Anderson said that as a result of the Forum, a communication endeavor is starting in hopes of getting support from groups like the Public Safety Committee.

Forum participants included individuals from Esperanza Shelter, the Rape Crisis and Trauma Center, and from the Youth Shelters. Each of these groups still an outreach endeavor. She added that there is a still gap within the responses that are needed for psychiatric disabilities.

Ms. Luna-Anderson said that added that a number of agencies were willing to participate with the response team by providing staff who could man the team on an ongoing basis.

Ms. Bradshaw said that she and Fred Sandoval worked on developing the Rape Crisis Response Program in the mid 1990’s. She explained that their vision of the program is to have a first response team with a mobile van manned by professionals who can assist individuals with substance abuse and psychiatric issues and bring them to a safe location with medical supervision.

Ms. Bradshaw explained that there is a need to bring the Crisis Response program to the forefront of the community’s awareness.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked how the Committee could help in this process. Ms. Luna-Anderson explained that at this point the planners are seeking support. She added that the

present issue is figuring out how to get the proper equipment for the Response Program, as well as the funding necessary outside of the funding for staff.

Dr. Mier asked Ms. Luna-Anderson where the proposed funding for the Crisis Response Program would come from. Ms. Luna-Anderson said they have not determined the funding sources yet. She added that there has to be a commitment by the Santa Fe community to support the program. Ms. Luna-Anderson explained that the greatest cost would be staffing the program, and that there are already six community agencies committing a number of their staff members to the program. She added that this has to be a joint endeavor.

Dr. Mier said that his fear is that there are finite resources for Public Safety, and that other groups might come forward trying to utilize these limited resources.

Ms. Bradshaw said that the Program would probably be a collaborative effort between the city, county, and the state. She added that the program would need to start out on a countywide basis. Ms. Bradshaw explained that it would be more expedient to spend the funds on a small unit that would go out to meet traumatized individuals, then deploying an entire group of emergency in response to the individual's situation.

Dr. Mier said that his concern is protecting the resources that have been identified for the Police and Fire Departments, and in addition find other resources to support the needs of the Crisis Response Program as well.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that the reality is that, by state-law, the county is the primary funder of health services, not the city, because they receive both state and tax funding to provide these services. She added that she hoped this presentation was being given to the County as well.

Ms. Luna-Anderson acknowledged that this is just the first step in a longer process.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that this was put on as an informational item, therefore the Committee could not take any action at this meeting. She added that if any Committee members do want to take action at a future meeting, they should contact Ms. Cantu about putting this item on a future meeting's agenda.

**Old Business:**

**A. Proposed Ordinance amending section 12-12-8 of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code to allow private individuals to issue parking citations-Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Bill Hon, Parking Director**

(An Ordinance Amending Section 12-12-8 of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code to Allow Private Individuals to Issue Parking Citations incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit "A")

Walter Roybal introduced himself to the Committee.



Chair Heldmeyer explained that proposed ordinance went to Mayor's Committee on Disabilities. When Mr. Hon met with the Committee members, the members didn't like being told what they are capable or not capable of doing. They felt that it diminished their role in issuing tickets. Jointly with Mr. Hon, the Committee members came up with an option that people could place a citation on windshield or photograph the illegally parked vehicles, fill out the citation form, and mail the citation and the photograph to the violator. She added that this is already done in some instances, and is within realm of existing law and provides safety for individuals issuing the citations.

The option of photographing those cars parked illegally in ADA spaces was liked by people with severe disabilities because of the difficulty in placing a citation on an illegally parked vehicle. The ticket could then be contested in court, where the person issuing the ticket would be required to be available for that court date. This was the compromise that was reached between the Parking Division and the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities.

Mr. Bowen said that he is totally opposed to the proposed ordinance. He added that because of the high amount of the fine, and the emotional involvement of the person issuing the ticket, he felt there was a "real recipe for disaster." He understood the frustration of the Mayor's Committee members, but felt for issues of safety, he couldn't support the ordinance.

Vice-Chair Harris agreed with Mr. Bowen.

Dr. Mier agreed with the safety issue. He felt that there were liability issues that could arise for both the city and individuals issuing the ticket.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities recognizes the dangers of issuing tickets. The Committee members stated that there is little difference between allowing private individuals issue citations and allowing security guards to issue citations, which is already the case.

Mr. Bowen said that the handicapped individuals are frustrated because security guards are not issuing tickets for handicapped violations.

Chair Heldmeyer said that there are two other aspects to this issue as well. The Mayor's Committee will honor malls and other entities that train their security guards to issue tickets for ADA and fire lane violations. The education aspect would include informing people as to what it means to park in an ADA space. She added that the city has a commercial that informs people what it means to park in an ADA space illegally.

Mr. Mizrahi said that the concerns expressed today were also expressed at last month's Committee meeting.

Mr. McQuarie said that very few disabled citizens would be issuing tickets. Those individuals trained to issue tickets must be physically capable to give tickets. He added

that their idea is that ordinance would relieve issue with police response. Mr. Bowen felt that any citizens who are not trained, but who are issuing tickets would be placed in an unsafe position.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked if individuals would have to meet some type of qualifications, as well as completing training. Chair Heldmeyer explained that Mr. Hon has looked at what other cities have required in terms of qualifications and training, and he would have a resolution stating all the qualifications that would accompany this ordinance as it moves forward.

Dr. Mier asked Chief Johnson if he could comment on the concern regarding police response time in issuing citations. Chief Johnson said he understood the frustration with the delayed response time to these types of calls, but added that calls coming into the dispatch system are prioritized. He added that one of the issues in addressing this problem is the need to improve the signage with better notification as to the amount of the parking fine and making sure that business have parking in compliance with city code.

Chief Johnson said many individuals who receive citations are unaware that the fine is \$500, adding that improving signage will provide a big deterrent. He explained that once additional public safety aides are hired, these aides could patrol the malls and other shopping center areas to issue citations parking citations at these locations. Chief Johnson said that he to has safety concerns about private citizens issuing parking citations. He added that a good starting point with this issue is improving signage.

Vice-Chair Harris explained that there are several shopping center locations in town that have posted new ADA parking signage.

Chair Heldmeyer asked Mr. McQuarie what the time frame is that is included in the proposed changes to the law. Mr. McQuarie said the proposal as it stands in the new signage ordinance, any permittee that is redesigning or in construction prior to getting their permit; they will have to comply with the ordinance. Any existing business establishments will have to come into compliance within one year.

**Mr. Bowen moved to not recommend the Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 12-12-8 of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code to allow private individuals to issue parking citations. Dr. Mier seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Chair Heldmeyer explained that the ordinance would now be taken back to the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities.

Chair Heldmeyer said that she would like to allow Sevastian Gurule to present information on some of the city's safety procedures that the city has adopted.

Mr. Gurule explained that there has not been a reported assault since May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said that the efforts that the city has implemented was the coordination between the Parking Division and Chavez Security to provide escort services to local female residents to and from any city operated parking lots. To date, there have been no calls for this service.

Mr. Gurule said that the Safe Ride Program for Women has transported 653 females to date at a cost to the city of \$9,716.77. There have been a total of 139 women who have received training in the personal safety classes, at a cost of \$6,400.

190 women have called and are currently on the waiting list for these services.

Mr. Gurule said that Mr. Buller would be working with the new HR director to create a safety and wellness program for city employees and working in conjunction with the Community Services Director, Terri Rodriguez to see about extending this type of program for members of the community as well.

In addition, the Santa Fe Police Department has established the Information Tip Hotline, and has received to date approximately 84 calls and tips.

Councilor Heldmeyer asked if the city is still able to provide the taxi service even with the establishment of the new county program. Mr. Gurule said that Capital City Cab Company has not expressed any concern at being able to provide the services.

Chair Heldmeyer said that as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, all city cab drivers would take over the entire Para-transit system for Santa Fe.

Dr. Mier asked Chief Johnson for an update as far as where things stand on the safety issue. Chief Johnson reiterated that since May 22<sup>nd</sup>, there have been no attacks or further reports. He added that the Police Department is going forward with previous attack investigations. Chief Johnson explained that Mr. Giba is most likely connected with five of the recent assaults.

Dr. Mier asked if police patrols have increased in designated areas of the city. Chief Johnson explained that in the areas along the St. Francis Drive corridor, from San Mateo north, patrols have increased in those areas with both marked and unmarked vehicles.

The Police Department has also investigated further several individuals who have been identified as potential sex offenders or are registered sex offenders in another state.

**New Business:**

**A. Proposed Resolution Directing Staff to Develop a Pre-Application Agility Class for Public Safety Recruits – Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Police Chief Eric Johnson, Santa Fe Police Department**

(Proposed Resolution Directing Staff to Develop a Pre-Application Agility Class for Public Safety Recruits incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit “B”)

Chair Heldmeyer said that this agility class has had success in other cities in terms of hiring more recruits. She explained that other cities have had good luck in increasing not just the number of recruits, but the variety of people they could approve by creating different agility tests. She added that the Resolution was written loosely because different cities do different things. One possibility would be to have a private citizen, who is a professional trainer, offer these classes through a facility such as the Chavez Center.

Another idea that was discussed is offering this agility class to those individuals that have passed all the other application stages of the Police and Fire Department screening, but have not based the physical fitness requirement.

In all cases, the agility class would be at no additional cost to the city.

Chair Heldmeyer stated that Sgt. Alessio's memo deals with the issue of taking personal responsibility. She added that this class is one way for individuals to take this responsibility.

Sgt. Alessio said that her memo was in response to the Resolution. She added that in the past, the Police Department has had an interim fitness evaluation. When applicants do not the first physical portion of the Department testing, the Department has worked with these individuals, so that when they come to test a second time, they do often pass the physical portion of the testing.

Sgt. Alessio said that there are currently said that there six of Department members who are trained and Cooper standard certified. Their training is analogous to first responder training for the Fire Department.

Chair Heldmeyer said that she was discussing the possibility of having a training course for individuals who want to take it with the idea that there are certain goals in mind. Sgt. Alessio said that those individuals not associated with either the Fire Department or the Police Department are going to have to have some level of certification because of liability issues. She added that in her opinion she didn't think there is an intermediate person between the Police Department fitness trainers and personal fitness instructors.

Sgt. Alessio asked who would teach the class. She added that any individual teaching the class would have to have a level of certification to teach the class, most often this would be a fitness certification, simply because of liability issues. She added that in her opinion, there could not be someone between the Police Department physical fitness instructors, and personal fitness instructors because of the liability issues and the various physical health risks that are present.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if the Fire Department and the Police Department wanted to use the fitness trainers that are already at the GCCC, could this individual work the two Departments to determine what each Department is looking in terms of fitness types for when someone comes to take the application test.

Sgt. Alessio said that the other question to ask is at what point do the Police and Fire Department cease from being agents in conducting the physical fitness testing. She added that in terms of the physical fitness stage, a number of applicants are lost, as are lost in the written testing program, the interview process, and the background check phase as well.

Chair Heldmeyer said that it's the physical part where something can be done. She added that the thing that appealed to her is that other cities have increased not only the number of potential recruits, but the diversity of these recruits as well.

Chief Johnson explained that in the recruitment packets, there is information of where an applicant needs to be physically as well as other standards that are listed as well.

Chief Rivera said Fire Department feels the idea of a physical agility class is a great idea. He said that the Department has discussed opening the physical agility process at different times throughout the year, so that individuals may come try it out. At the last testing session, there were a total of 140 applicants, 70 of the applicants made it to the physical agility portion of the testing, and 40 applicants passed that portion of the testing. He added that a lot of the people who fail don't know what to expect, and are surprised by the level of physical tasks.

Chief Rivera explained that there was a fire fighter fitness program at the Community College several years ago taught by one of the Department's fire fighters who was a contractor with the Community College. The problem with the program was that the hiring process was inconsistent, and led to frustrations from the applicants. He added that the class would be a good idea. He said that opening up process might be a good idea as well. He added that he would double check to see if the fitness program is still being taught at the Community College.

Sgt. Paulk said he has informed many prospective applicants what would be expected of them physically, as well as sending them information packets. He added that applicants must meet the minimum standards to pass the state requirement. He felt that a lot of the process has to do with liability. He felt that it's the personal responsibility to meet the minimum standard physical requirements.

Chair Heldmeyer said that the Resolution states that the city staff should work things out. She added that she was impressed with how well the program worked in other cities.

Sgt. Alessio stressed once an applicant does not pass physical agility portion of the testing, instructors devote whatever time it takes to prepare these applicants for the next testing session. The only requirement is completion of application process with the city.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that with individuals who are reluctant to apply because of physical fitness concerns, the class is a way to train these individuals and get more people to apply. She added that the class would be a way to address these concerns.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked if the Department has a sense of how many people would be able to be qualified applicants. Sgt. Alessio said that it takes a real desire to be a police officer, and it's a job that takes dedication. She added that she was unsure how many hits and misses there were total of people who are curious about the process. She added that the class would be an informational tool.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked about non-passing individuals for the application process would possibly qualify for these classes. Sgt. Paulk said that during the last test, three people were lost to fitness standards, and added that the Department does allow some leeway for these fitness standards. He added that the Department is being flexible with these standards, but not breaking the minimum standard requirements.

Vice-Chair Harris asked where the applicants would come from. Chair Heldmeyer explained that the applicants would either be people who are thinking about applying. She added that the other group of people would be those individuals who haven't thought about applying for a public safety job, but might have an interest. The applicants would then be a combination of these two groups.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that the classes are also a different way of getting more good people through the door and exposing them to people who have interests in public safety jobs. She added that in other cities, these types of classes have been successful.

Mr. Bowen explained that what Chair Heldmeyer is discussing is not included in the proposed ordinance. He added that he had concerns about recruiting from a pool of citizens who have to be told how to get in shape. He said that the physical fitness levels for anyone involved in a law enforcement career should be above that of an average person. Chair Heldmeyer explained that the ordinance is deliberately vague because there are several different models that the Departments could use that would best fit their needs.

Dr. Mier agreed with Mr. Bowen, adding that he had some concerns as well. He said that there appears to be some confusion as to what the idea of class means, as well as the different approaches. He stated concept was great.

Dr. Mier said that the ordinance refers to training. He suggested tabling resolution to give the Fire and Police Departments a chance to discuss what the ordinance would mean. He added that he would support the ordinance.

**Dr. Mier moved to table the Proposed Resolution Directing Staff to Develop a Pre-Application Agility Class for Public Safety Recruits until next month's meeting. Vice-Chair Harris seconded the motion.**

Mr. Mizrahi said that he felt that it was an individual's responsibility to find out what the mental and physical qualifications, and then with the help of class such as this, they could reach a level of physical fitness.

Dr. Mier said that there are some individuals who won't meet the specified qualifications.

**Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**B. Proposed Ordinance Adding a Definition for Off-Highway Motor Vehicle to the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code and Amending Sections 12-7-9.1 of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code to Prohibit the Use of Off-Highway Motor Vehicles Within The Municipal Boundaries of the City of Santa Fe, Unless Off-Highway Motor Vehicles are Used on City Designated Courses, Tracks, or Trails- Councilor Carmichael Dominguez, Police Chief Eric Johnson**

(Proposed Ordinance Adding a Definition for Off-Highway Motor Vehicle to the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code and Amending Sections 12-7-9.1 of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code to Prohibit the Use of Off-Highway Motor Vehicles Within The Municipal Boundaries of the City of Santa Fe, Unless Off-Highway Motor Vehicles are Used on City Designated Courses, Tracks, or Trails incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit "C")

Mr. Gurule explained that there have been a large number of complaints concerning ATV use and this proposed ordinance was drafted in effort to address these complaints.

The largest area where complaints were received from were in the city open space in Tierra Contenta. In order to address these complaints with greater enforcement authority, city staff has prepared this proposed amendment.

Chair Heldmeyer said that the proposed ordinance initially began in conjunction with a proposal that was going through the Public Works Department having to do with providing an off-road vehicle trail at the MRC. The proposal did not get approval from Public Works Committee because of numerous liability issues. The proposal also would not solve the problem because many of young people using the track would not the ability to have a truck or a trailer to get the ATVs to a track that was some distance away.

**Dr. Mier moved to approve the Proposed Ordinance Adding a Definition for Off-Highway Motor Vehicle to the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code and Amending Sections 12-7-9.1 of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code to Prohibit the Use of Off-Highway Motor Vehicles Within The Municipal Boundaries of the City of Santa Fe, Unless Off-Highway Motor Vehicles are Used on City Designated Courses, Tracks, or Trails. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**C. Proposed Resolution Directing Staff to Explore the Options of locating areas Where Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Could Be Constructed So That Off-Highway Vehicle Enthusiasts Could Operate Their Vehicles in a Manner that Would be Suitable and In the Best Interest of All Citizens of the City of Santa Fe- Councilor Carmichael Dominguez, Police Chief Eric Johnson**

(Proposed Resolution Directing Staff to Explore the Options of locating areas Where Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Could Be Constructed So That Off-Highway Vehicle Enthusiasts Could Operate Their Vehicles in a Manner that Would be Suitable and In the Best Interest of All Citizens of the City of Santa Fe incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit "D")

Martin Valdez explained that this Resolution refers to Resolution 2006-82, which directed staff to pursue land adjacent to the MRC for the development of an ATV course. The Resolution also directed staff to pursue federal or state funding towards the construction of such a facility.

The Resolution also directed staff to conduct public meetings with all interested parties to determine if the proposed ATV use of that property was the best use for that site. A public meeting was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Adjacent property owners, ATV enthusiasts, BLM representatives, as well as representatives from the Game & Fish Department were invited to attend the meeting. Following the meeting, there was opposition voiced because of the site's proximity to surrounding neighborhood in the form of letters and emails.

The Resolution was presented to the Public Works Committee on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Valdez said that the Public Works Committee didn't want to discount the BLM site since the city acquired a \$426,000 grant from the state towards the site's development. He added that the Committee did direct staff to pursue other sites as well.

Dr. Mier asked how resolution would address needs of the younger population. Chair Heldmeyer said the question is whether a place could be established that would meet the needs of the younger population. She added that what was expressed by the Public Works Committee was that having a place out near the BLM site would not be convenient for people. Chair Heldmeyer said that at the Public Works meeting, Councilor Calvert expressed that if an area like this was established, there needed to be a way for people to leave their off-road vehicles out at the site to avoid transportation of vehicles back and forth. Councilor Calvert expressed an opinion that if this avenue was being investigated, the city should look into hiring a vendor to run the facility and oversee the liability of the vehicle storage.

Chair Heldmeyer said that the numerous petitions and letters stated the opinion that area was too close to a "fairly, highly populated, residential area."

Mr. Mizrahi asked if there had been any consideration to establishing a fee for using the area that would be used to maintain the area. Mr. Valdez explained that in the application to BLM, it stated that the city would investigate the possibility of issuing an RFP for the management of the facility. He added that the idea is that the facility would not only include trails, but a possible competition track that would attract the interest of a management company.



Dr. Mier asked what the likelihood of BLM approving the submitted application. Mr. Valdez said that there was a representative from BLM at the public meeting. He added that BLM wants to ensure that the facility would not be detrimental to the general public or the neighborhood, and so they would take all of this into consideration.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that BLM is “reasonably interested in having the city acquire the land.” She added that the issue that is more complicated is what would be put on the land.

Chair Heldmeyer said that there was also some discussion at the meeting of establishing regular trails and open space as alternative use for this particular piece of land.

**Mr. Bowen moved to approve the Resolution Directing Staff to Explore the Options of locating areas Where Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Could Be Constructed So That Off-Highway Vehicle Enthusiasts Could Operate Their Vehicles in a Manner that would be Suitable and In the Best Interest of All Citizens of the City of Santa Fe. Dr. Mier seconded the motion.**

Chief Johnson said that the reality is that there are numerous people who would take advantage of using a facility of this nature, however, there are still a select group of people that will continue to disturb the neighbors and taunt the police. He added that there might be enforcement problems especially in an open space area. He felt that building a track might help alleviate some of the problems.

Mr. Stuto asked what type of liability would the city have should an individual get hurt on the facility property. Mr. Valdez said that the city would be issued a lease that would allow them five years to develop the designated project that was proposed by BLM. He added that he ran the issue of liability through the Risk Management Division, and they viewed it as an activity similar to a skateboard park, where there would be liability, but the city’s insurance carrier would cover that liability.

Chief Johnson said one option would be to establish some type of Open Space Ranger, who would have “a constant presence in these areas.”

**Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**D. Proposed Resolution Directing Parking Division Staff to Develop a Plan for Dedicated On-Street and Off-Street Parking for Motor Driven Cycles for a Reduced Cost of .25 Cents Per Hour-Councilor Patti Bushee**

Mr. Roybal explained that the Parking Division supports this Resolution directing the city to establish a plan to dedicate on and off-street motorcycle parking. He added that the Resolution is in support of alternate methods of transportation, and provides affordable parking for these modes of transportation.

Mr. Roybal said that if the city were to establish a plan for motorcycle parking, a better utilization of the space would be provided. He added that with designated motorcycle parking, the spaces could then be utilized by single riders in a designated area, and pay the reduced parking rate for the space.

Mr. Roybal explained that a typical parking space would hold up to two motorcycles if it is adjacent to the curb. If the space is designed parallel to the curb, it could then hold five to seven motorcycles. Mr. Roybal felt that the .25-cent rate would pay for that, and this would be a good accommodation.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if the changing gas prices have caused the need for this Resolution. Mr. Roybal acknowledged that this is part of need for the Resolution, as well as the need for better parking space utilization for motorcycles.

**Mr. Bowen moved to approve the Proposed Resolution Directing Parking Division Staff to Develop a Plan for Dedicated On-Street and Off-Street Parking for Motor Driven Cycles for a Reduced Cost of .25 Cents Per Hour. Dr. Mier seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**E. Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 1-3.2 SFCC to Include A Substance Abuse Fee and A Municipal Court Bench Warrant Fee; and Amending Section 1-3.3 1987 SFCC to be Consistent with the Current Practice of the Municipal Court-Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Bill Hon, Parking Division**

(Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 1-3.2 SFCC to Include A Substance Abuse Fee and A Municipal Court Bench Warrant Fee; and Amending Section 1-3.3 1987 SFCC to be Consistent with the Current Practice of the Municipal Court incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit "E")

Jon Singh said that what is being proposed in the ordinance is to add a \$100 bench warrants fee, which is already on the Uniform Traffic Violation Citations. This would provide more money for the city's patrol officers to do conduct "The Round Up." He explained that the funding from the fees would help the city hire and train new personnel to help keep track of this situation. Mr. Singh said that another problem is the lack of manpower as well.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if this additional fee is allowed under state law. Mr. Sing explained that it is allowed under state law.

**Mr. Bowen moved to approve the Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 1-3.2 SFCC to Include A Substance Abuse Fee and A Municipal Court Bench Warrant Fee; and Amending Section 1-3.3 1987 SFCC to be Consistent with the Current Practice of the Municipal Court. Dr. Mier seconded motion.**

Dr. Mier asked where the \$100 fee would go. Chair Heldmeyer explained that under both state and city law, the money has to be deposited into the General Fund.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked about Mr. Singh to elaborate on the \$75 prevention fees. Mr. Singh explained that the \$75 fee does go towards the DWI fees. The \$75 substance abuse fee will be going towards the city and county working together with the Care Connection. He added that this fee would not be in addition to the \$75 prevention fee, but would be for violations such as possession of marijuana and public intoxication.

Mr. Singh explained that the Municipal Court allocate the funding for the substance abuse treatment. Dr. Owen-Lewis asked how the Court accesses the money that would come from the additional fees. Mr. Singh said he was unsure how the Municipal Court would get the money back from the fees.

Chair Heldmeyer said that as the Proposed Ordinance goes through Council Committees, the question that needs to be answered is how does the \$75 money get back to Santa Fe County.

Mr. Singh explained that at one time there were positions at the Municipal Court that organized all the tracking and the counseling. He added that the Court is trying to implement this now. Mr. Singh explained that he was unsure how the \$75 was distributed.

Chief Johnson asked why the bench warrant was not addressed in the proposed ordinance.

**Mr. Bowen withdrew his motion.**

**Mr. Bowen moved to table the Proposed Resolution until the next Committee meeting. Dr. Mier seconded motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**F. Proposed Resolution Directing Staff To Research The Adoption of A Citizens on Patrol Program that Would Allow Citizens to Assist The Santa Fe Police Department in Making Santa Fe A Safer Place in Which to Live- Councilor Patti Bushee**

**Mr. Bowen moved to table the Proposed Resolution Directing Staff To Research The Adoption of A Citizens on Patrol Program that Would Allow Citizens to Assist The Santa Fe Police Department in Making Santa Fe A Safer Place in Which to Live. Dr. Mier seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**Matters From Police Chief Johnson:**

Chief Johnson said that an arrest has been made in Camino Consuelo homicide case. The case is now pending prosecution at this time.

The Dirty Burglar case investigation is active.

Chief Johnson explained that the burglary rates have been dropping. Approximately six individuals have been arrested. He added that the Department is still following up with information regarding the burglary incidents.

Four arrests have been made in the Alameda Street stabbing case.

Four arrests have been made in Franklin Miles Shooting Case, three of which were juveniles.

The mother of the young boy who died as a result of a drug overdose at the Thunderbird Hotel was arrested.

Chief Johnson explained that the public education and awareness has helped decrease the number of attacks.

Four individuals were taken into custody in relation with the homicide case on Zepol Road.

Dr. Mier asked what the status is on the change in parks times. Chair Heldmeyer explained that the Public Works Committee offered amendments that would open the parks at 5 a.m. to hour after sundown. These times will now be presented to the Finance Committee, where Chair Heldmeyer explained further amendments are likely to be made.

**Matters From Fire Chief Rivera:**

Chief Rivera said that at 7 p.m., the Fire Department would join the rest of the nation in a moment of silence to honor the nine firefighters who died in South Carolina.

There will be no fireworks ban this year.

Chief Rivera passed out flier about the Family Fun Festival event that the Fire Department is hosting on the Plaza, in conjunction with St. Vincent's Hospital and Coca-Cola Bottling Company. The event is free to the public.

Chair Heldmeyer said that there is meeting happening right now regarding the safety problems in the area surrounding the Railyard property.

**Matters From the Municipal Court:**

**None**

**Matters from Committee Members:**

**None**

**Communications From The Floor:**

**None**

**Adjournment:**

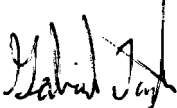
Its business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

**Approved by**



**Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Chair**

**Submitted by**



**Gabriel Taylor, Stenographer**