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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 3:00 PM
City Council Chambers
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of October 16, 2007 minutes
4. New Business:
 - A. Proposed resolution directing staff and Santa Fe Public School staff to explore options for police officers at Santa Fe High School Campuses, (Councilor Dominguez and Police Chief Eric Johnson)
 - B. Approval of proposed 2008 Public Safety Committee meeting dates, (Councilor Karen Heldmeyer and Public Safety Committee)
5. Matters from Municipal Court
6. Matters from Fire Chief Chris Rivera
7. Matters from Police Chief Eric Johnson
8. Matters from Committee Members
9. Communications from the Floor
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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Santa Fe, New Mexico

November 13, 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 3:45 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. Nancy Owen-Lewis
Dr. Mike Mier
Mr. Frank Stuto
Mr. Pete Mizrahi

Members Excused:

Mr. Henry Valdez
Mr. Michael Bowen

Staff Present:

Chief Eric Johnson, Santa Fe Police Department
Fire Chief Chris Rivera, Santa Fe Fire Department
Shannon Cantu, Santa Fe Police Department
Michelle Babcock, Santa Fe Police Department

Others Present:

Councilor Carmichael Dominguez
Joe Abeyta
Gabriel Taylor, stenographer

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Mizrahi moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Mier seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of October 16, 2007 Minutes:

Dr. Mier was not present, but was excused from the October 16, 2007 meeting.

Dr. Owen-Lewis moved to approve the October 16, 2007 minutes as amended. Mr. Stuto seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

A. Proposed Resolution Directing Staff and Santa Fe Public School Staff to Explore Options for Police Officers at Santa Fe High School Campuses- Councilor Dominguez and Police Chief Eric Johnson

Councilor Dominguez said that this Proposed Resolution was unanimously passed by the Santa Fe Public School Board of Education. He added that there was some minor language that was amended, and copies of these amendments were included in the Committee members' packets.

Dr. Mier asked how the Proposed Resolution calling for police officers to be stationed at the high school was different than in the past where officers have been stationed at the two Santa Fe high schools. Councilor Dominguez said that the intent is to acquire funding to permanently house officers at the high school campuses. He added that there would be particular officers assigned to each of the two high schools.

Chief Johnson said the Proposed Resolution calls for an investigation into possible funding to station officers at Santa Fe High School and Capital High School. He added that the Department would explore several different options for stationing these officers.

Chief Johnson said that the Police Department has already responded to 152 calls from Santa Fe High School and 72 calls from Capital High School during the first two months of this school year. He added that there seems to be an increase in calls this school year.

Mr. Mizrahi asked if the Proposed Resolution is calling for a full-time stationed officer assigned to Santa Fe High School and a full-time officer at Capital High School during normal school hours. Chief Johnson said that that was correct. He added that the officers would be commissioned officers.

Chief Johnson said that the high schools currently have their own private security guards.

Dr. Mier asked if officers would be commissioned to be stationed at the high school campuses. Councilor Dominguez said that the intent of the Proposed Resolution is to ensure that the Santa Fe Public School Board does their share to explore whether or not there is justification for establishing their own police staff. He added that the School Board wants to continue exploring different options.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked if the Proposed Resolution has a timetable for implementing the measures included in the Resolution. Chief Johnson said that they have been exploring what possible grant money would be available. He added that the Department is already exploring what the cost would be for bringing back retired officers. He said that the retired officers have stated that they would want health insurance benefits should they come back.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked Councilor Dominguez if he could present a report to the Committee once all of the options have been explored by the Police Department and the Proposed Resolution moves forward.

Dr. Mier moved to recommend approval of the Proposed Resolution with the included amendments. Mr. Mizrahi seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. Approval of Proposed 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting Dates

Dr. Mier moved to approve the proposed 2008 meeting dates. Vice-Chair Harris seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Matters From the Municipal Court:

None

Chair Heldmeyer said that the City Council is receiving monthly written reports from the Municipal Court that could be distributed to the Committee members in lieu of a representative coming to the Committee meetings to give an in-person report.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that the City Council would be approving the ballot for the 2008 election at tomorrow night's City Council meetings. She added that included in the ballot is an amendment to the Charter stating that the judgeship would only be granted to any accredited members of the bar.

Matters From Fire Chief Chris Rivera:

Chief Rivera said that the Fire Department is still going through the hiring process. He said that hopefully the Department would have 20 new firefighters by January.

The Pink Shirt Campaign was successful. Approximately \$8,000 was raised for Breast Cancer awareness, which will be given to the UNM Cancer Research Institute.

Chair Heldmeyer asked how the prescribed burn near Los Alamos went. Chief Rivera said that the burn went well. He said that there is another prescribed burn planned for the area near the Watershed area. He said that the Fire Department is notified well in advance of the prescribed burns and are prepared should they need to respond at any point during these burns.

Mr. Mizrahi thanked Chief Johnson and Chief Rivera for the Fire Department and the Police Department presence on the city streets on Halloween night.

Matters From Police Chief Johnson:

Chief Johnson said that the Police Department has seen a slight decrease in residential burglaries in October from September from 80 reported burglaries to 57 reported burglaries.

Chief Johnson said that the Police Department would be at the Chavez Center on November 19th, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., to give residents and shop owners information on

preventative burglary tips during the upcoming holidays. He added that the New Mexico State Police and the County Sheriff's Department would be at this presentation as well.

Chief Johnson explained that there would be an open format to the meeting at the Chavez Center.

Chair Heldmeyer said that the Police Department might want to contact the Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Fe Small Business Alliance to inform small businesses that this awareness meeting is for businesses as well as residents.

Chief Johnson said that eight new recruits are ready to go through the training academy in February.

Matters from Committee Members:

Mr. Mizrahi said that the remodel of Richards Avenue and Rodeo Road has been completed. He said that the bicycle lane should be positioned near the curb, instead of between the through lane and the turn lane. Chair Heldmeyer said that it might be possible to have Rick Devine attend the next Committee meeting to address this concern. Mr. Mizrahi said that all the cut-in turn sections by the islands on Cerrillos Road should be repaved. Chair Heldmeyer said that Rick Devine could address this concern as well.

Dr. Owen-Lewis said that she would be conducting a seminar on the problems regarding the issues of drunk driving in New Mexico. The seminar will be scheduled for June. She said that she would keep members updated on the process of the seminar.

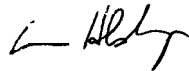
Communications From The Floor:

None

Adjournment:

Its business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Approved by



Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Chair

Submitted by



Gabriel Taylor, Stenographer