

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2021
9:30 AM
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Members Present:	Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>Chair, District 6</i> Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Phyllis Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
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Call to order

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda called the meeting to order.

Items for Consideration

1. Approval of minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting on October 19, 2021

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Public Comment

Written Testimony

There was one written comment received from Brennan Griffin.

Live Testimony

There were no citizens registered to speak.

2. Briefing on the implementation of the Police Services Project recommendations. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez reviewed the initiatives related to the Police Services Review Project included in the FY 2022 Proposed Budget:

- Alternatives to respond to certain 9-1-1 calls
 - Implementing a Pilot Program for a Multidisciplinary Response Team (MDRT) to address mental health calls

- Strengthening the City's response to domestic violence calls by increasing the Civilian Crisis Response Team in Metro Health to provide 24/7 services at the South, East and West Police Substations
- Partnership with Animal Care Services to address certain animal related calls
- Partnership with Code Enforcement to address noise calls
- Partnership with the San Antonio Fire Department to address firework calls during New Year's Eve and 4th of July Holidays
- Introducing a centralized process to collect found property
- Community and Police Relationships
 - Augmenting the San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) by adding 12 new Police Officers across the City of San Antonio
 - Continuing the Crime Prevention Program introduced in FY 2020 and funded from the Confiscated Property Fund to partner with non-profit organizations
- Police Data and Transparency
 - Improving the information provided to the community through the City's website
 - Studying a Police Staffing Model for the San Antonio Police Department
 - Partnership with Metro Health to analyze the impact of City programs on crime
- Streetlights
 - Development of a streetlight index and funding for the installation of new streetlights led by the Development Services Department

Villagomez reviewed the implementation timeline, reporting and next steps.

Chair Cabello Havrda requested the measures utilized to gauge the effectiveness of the Program for Intensive Care Coordination (PICC, the Pilot Program, the increase in personnel and the specialized response teams as they were created.

Councilmember Viagran would like to include the San Antonio Clubhouse to provide local input and requested the current homicide rate and statistics on the number of Assault/Bodily Injury cases for the City.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked of the costs to run a simultaneous Pilot Program in a zip code similar to the one utilized for the MDRT. Villagomez stated that the information would be provided. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez requested information on the Level 4 through 7 calls. Rick Riley, Assistant Director for the Police Department, would provide a list with types of calls for Levels 4 through 7.

Councilmember Sandoval requested information on plans for tracking and follow-up for each case. Villagomez stated that it would be addressed.

Councilmember Perry asked of metrics for tracking the Pilot Program. Villagomez stated that staff were establishing the metrics which would be provided to the Committee. Councilmembers Perry expressed reservations regarding a second Pilot Program and a lack of a response by law enforcement in addition to the MDRT. Councilmember Perry recommended an increase in the response time for the Request for Proposal for the MDRT.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing and possible action on a San Antonio Police Department Grant award in an amount up to #345,702.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) were first awarded in 2005 and provisions of the grant required the City and Bexar County to submit a joint application. McManus reported that the grant funds were used to support a joint City/County project for addressing child sexual abuse/assault. McManus indicated the funds for the 2021 JAG Grant would be used for continued support of the Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program whose purpose was to conduct joint investigations with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), the District Attorney's Office, the Bexar County Housing and Human Services Department, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital and ChildSafe.

McManus reported that the City's portion of the grant would be used to continue to fund two (2) Detective Investigator positions who would investigate sexual abuse/assault cases involving children. McManus stated that the total joint grant amount for the City and Bexar County was \$864,255.00 and grant funds would be split with \$518,553.00 for Bexar County and \$345,702.00 for the City. McManus added that the grant period was from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024.

4. Briefing and possible action on a San Antonio Police Department grant award in an amount up to and not to exceed \$200,000.00, from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the TK-DNA Test Kit Fund, FY21 DNA Testing Grant Program. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

McManus stated that the purpose of the DNA Testing Grant Program was to assist law enforcement agencies with costs associated with the forensic analysis of physical evidence in relation to sexual assault or other sex offenses. McManus reported that the San Antonio Police Department was seeking a reimbursement grant not to exceed the amount of \$\$200,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. McManus indicated that the funds would be utilized for the reimbursement of costs associated with processing of any evidence in an "active" sex offense investigation which would include: 1) Victims of Sexual Assault Nurse Examination (SANE) kits; 2) suspect SANE kits; 3) suspect DNA swabs; and 3) Processing evidence such as bedding, clothing, and any other materials taken into evidence in a sex offense investigation.

McManus stated that Chapter 420 (Subchapter B-1) of the Texas Government Code required that "a law enforcement agency that received evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense shall submit that evidence to a public accredited crime laboratory for analysis not later than the 30th day after the date on which that evidence was received". McManus noted that this requirement became effective on September 1, 2019.

5. Briefing and possible action on a San Antonio Police Department Grant award in an amount of \$50,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT) DWI traffic enforcement grant called Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM). [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that on August 30, 2021, the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) received an invitation from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT) to apply for a \$50,000.00 Impaired Driving Mobilization Grant (IDM) for DWI enforcement. McManus indicated that the grant would pay for DWI traffic enforcement on an overtime basis to help augment SAPD's efforts to reduce the incidence of DWI. McManus noted that enforcement would be conducted with sworn Officers assigned to the program on an overtime basis.

McManus reported that the grant award consisted of \$50,000.00 from TXDoT and an in-kind match of \$12,500.00 for a total proposed program Budget of \$62,500.00. McManus noted that the City's in-kind contribution would come from the cost of vehicles (fuel, maintenance, repairs, etc.) used while performing grant activities and the administrative salary of personnel to manage the grant. McManus stated that past IDM grant awards from TXDoT included:

- 2010 – awarded \$100,000.00
- 2011 – awarded \$30,000.00
- 2019 – awarded \$50,000.00
- 2020 – awarded \$65,000.00

Chair Cabello Havrda requested that staff email the responses to Councilmember Sandoval's questions to the Committee.

Councilmember Perry requested outcomes of the grants. Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez stated that staff would start incorporating that information.

Councilmember Viagran stated that it was important to see the outcomes for the JAG grant.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve and forward Item 4 to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Perry moved to approve and forward Item 3 to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve and forward Item 5 to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Briefing to provide an overview of the Complaint & Advisory Review Board (CARB). [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

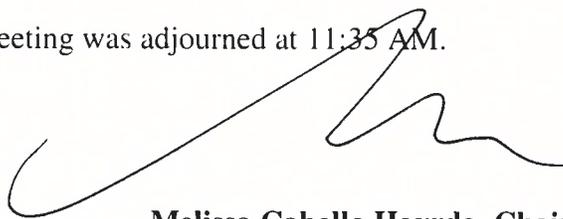
Chair Cabello Havrda stated that Item 6 would be tabled until the next meeting of the Committee.

Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

No items were considered for future meetings.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.



Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair

Respectfully Submitted



**Debbie Racca-Sittre
Interim City Clerk**

Public Safety Committee

Tue, Nov 16 2021 9:30 AM

Public Safety Committee - Agenda Comments

2. Briefing on the implementation of the Police Services Project recommendations.
[María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Brennan Griffin

November 15th 2021, 2:34 pm

Several local governments in Texas have now either started or expanded programs sending non-police first responders out to a wider variety of emergency calls. Houston has teams called Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams that are expanding dramatically in its recently adopted budget, Harris County is starting a Holistic Assistance Response Team, and Austin has its own MCOT that has operated for several years now. This model is extremely promising for preserving sworn police officer time for the kinds of calls where a police officer's training will be most appropriate, and letting other trained professionals respond to mental health calls, wellness calls, and minor disturbances. At Texas Appleseed, we are working on a report on these programs and on calls for service. From our early conversations, it is important to integrate mental health professionals into 911 call centers fully and early to develop the procedures needed to operate such a program effectively. We believe any kind of alternative response model should be evaluated carefully in the early stages to identify issues and troubleshoot problems. Texas Appleseed encourages San Antonio to move forward on creating alternative emergency response models.

No agenda item selected

RUBEN R PENS

November 16th 2021, 9:14 am

I have asked Maria and the chief several times why is it that police don't patrol neighborhoods unless they're called and have never gotten a good answer. ?????? By the way I support the police 1000 %. Thank you