



Agenda

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 19, 2012 4:00 PM
City Council Chambers
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of Tuesday, December 20, 2011 minutes
4. Old business:
 - A. NONE
5. New business:
 - A. Approval to Spend Cash Reserve Funds-Fire Station #4 Remodel Project (Fire Chief Barbara Salas)
 - B. Staff response to the City Council approved Resolution 2011-53; directing staff to explore the options and feasibility for acquiring security at the Santa Fe Railyard Development (Robert Siqueiros, Projects Administrator, Public Works)
6. Matters from Municipal Court
7. Matters from Police Chief Raymond Rael
8. Matters from Fire Chief Barbara Salas
9. Matters from Committee Members
10. Communications from the Floor
11. Adjournment

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| Roll Call | <i>A quorum was declared by verbal roll call.</i> | 2 |
| Review and Approval of Agenda | <i>Deputy Fire Chief requested Item 5. A. be removed from the agenda.</i> <i>Motion to approve as amended by Harris, seconded by Lewis. Passed by unanimous voice vote</i> | 2 |
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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 19, 2012
4:00 PM – 4:45
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1. Roll Call

Present:

Councilor Ronald Trujillo
Herbert Harris, Vice Chair
Nancy Owen Lewis
Peter Mizrahi
Chris Rivera

Excused:

Dr. Mike Mier
Douglas Nava
Mike Bowen

Others Present:

Police Chief Ray Rael
Fire Deputy Chief
Deputy Police Chief Gillian Alessio

Fran Lucero: Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

Deputy Fire Chief requested that Item 5. A. Approval to Spend Cash Reserve Funds-Fire Station #4 Remodel Project be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Harris moved for approval of the Agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of December 20, 2011 Minutes

No changes to the minutes presented by staff or the committee.

Motion to approve the December 20, 2011 minutes was made by Mr. Mizrahi, seconded by Mr. Rivera. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Old Business:

A. NONE

5. New Business:

~~A. Approval to Spend Cash Reserve Funds-Fire Station #4 Remodel Project (Fire Chief Barbara Salas)~~

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- B. Staff response to the City Council approved Resolution 2011-53; directing staff to explore the options and feasibility for acquiring security at the Santa Fe Railyard Development (Robert Siqueiros, Projects Administrator, Public Works)

Mr. Siqueiros: In October the City Council approved a resolution directing staff to look at options in terms of approving security at the Railyard. Staff was asked to look at the feasibility and the cost of additional police patrol. The City Manager conducted two public meetings at the Railyard. These meetings included city staff, policy chief, fire chief, Railyard staff, park steward staff and the public. Following the meeting the council approved the resolution. The City Manager put together a team which included the City Attorney and Railyard Corporations staff. The recommendation coming forth proposes a couple of code amendments and additional private security and police patrol.

Currently, in the way of police patrol, we have the substation and emergency call station. Since the meetings there has been additional police patrol at the Railyard. We are recommending the issuance of language prohibiting open containers. I do not know where in the process that is, but I believe it may be going to council in February.

Councilor Trujillo: Does that include the Railyard?

Mr. Siqueiros: Yes, it does.

Councilor Trujillo: They would have to go through the process to be permitted?

Mr. Siqueiros: Yes, also prohibiting camping. Not only in city parks, but at the Railyard park. No camping on city owned property as well as city parks. Currently, City parks are closed at 10:00 p.m. but the specific language prohibiting camping is not in ordinance so we want to add that. We also discussed training of city staff and parking division staff on the new ordinances when they are adopted. In terms of security at the Railyard Park, the parking division has a private security that patrols the Railyard on an hourly basis 7 days a week from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. This is basically just a drive through. The cost for this service is approximately \$2,200 per month - \$14,000 a year for that security. We are recommending adding private security with one standing guard working 7 days per week and holidays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at a cost of \$95,000 per year. In addition to the private security we will add more police protection. I have received cost estimates from the chief at approximately \$15,000 - \$22,000 per year. This would provide one officer from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekends only from May to August. We are looking at adding \$120,000 per year in additional enforcement. We are also asking for additional cameras in the Railyard. Currently DOT is adding cameras and security lights on the opposite side of the depot near the tracks. We are hoping to tie into their system at a cost of \$4,000 - \$6,000 per camera. In addition to DOT cameras we would like to add 4 - 5.

I have included a funding spreadsheet. The Railyard has a small percentage of GRT that is designated for Railyard development. The beginning cash is what was carried from last year (\$550,000). The \$1.7 million is what we generated this fiscal year. The itemized expenses are below that. We anticipate carrying a little over \$800,000 and are projected \$1.7 in GRT for the next fiscal year. We have included the expenses of the security and are looking at carrying over \$1 million for the next year. The funding is available for the security.

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Finally, we are recommending a 5% tax of alcohol that could be used for alcohol and drug treatment facilities and a liquor store regulation to prohibit them from selling certain types of liquor. These are future requests and are not in the current session.

Staff requests that you make these recommendations to Public Works / Finance and to the Council in February.

Mr. Harris: Are these cameras motion activated?

Mr. Siqueiros: That's correct.

Councilor Trujillo: We do not want camping at this park, or any of the parks, but if we have another movement in a few years we may have an issue. We were okay with not charging Occupy. If there is an ordinance that went by the wayside during the entire Occupy – who is to say that will not happen again?

Mr. Siqueiros: We did not permit Occupy.

Councilor Trujillo: We permit everyone else but gave them a clear path. This will come back this summer when people want to come back and rent other parks in the community.

Mr. Rivera: The request for one standing security seven days a week and holidays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. – is the (95,400) all salary?

Mr. Siqueiros: That is salary that would be contracted out.

Mr. Rivera: For seven days a week? On weekends we would have policy from 12:00 – 10:00 during the same time frame. Is this double security on the weekends?

Mr. Siqueiros: That's correct, only from May to August. It would also be as needed. If things are not as critical this fiscal year we may not need them.

Mr. Rivera: If the decision was made not to use them would it be the police or the security?

Mr. Siqueiros: The police.

Mr. Mizrahi: Knowing the size of the Railyard – that is a large area for one person to try and control. I can see where you would need private security and the police department on a regular basis.

Mr. Siqueiros: In addition to the security we have now and the current police patrol.

Councilor Trujillo: DOT is putting up cameras. Have we spoken to them about using their cameras?

Mr. Siqueiros: Staff is working with them on the process and we have provided them room for their equipment. They know we want to expand and to tie into it.

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Mr. Lewis: Is the private security now for the parking areas?

Mr. Siqueiros: Yes. They mainly patrol the parking structure. If they see anything they would contact the police department.

Mr. Lewis: Adding security would allow other areas to be patrolled?

Councilor Trujillo: Is this a new contract? We are not piggybacking off anything current?

Mr. Rivera: What does it do to your staffing (directed at Chief Rael) to designate someone to the Railyard during this time frame?

Chief Rael: The intent would be to put an officer on overtime. It will be an additional duty and will not affect our staffing. We would not pull someone off the street or make that a single assignment. The only impact would be to our budget and we currently have salary savings. This would work assuming we have volunteers.

Mr. Rivera: What if you do not have volunteers?

Chief Rael: If we commit to this we will have to force the issue. Generally speaking, we normally have volunteers.

Mr. Rivera: Do you have the overtime budget?

Chief Rael: We have the salary savings that can be rolled over to the overtime budget.

Mr. Mizrahi: It was mentioned that there is a substation there now. How is that staffed?

Chief Rael: That is staffed on a temporary basis. Bicycle officers go there to gather paperwork, prepare what they need to and stop to make phone calls. It is not a staffed full time and there are signs there indicating that it is not staffed full time.

Councilor Trujillo: Any additional discussion?

Mr. Siqueiros: Staff recommends that you forward the recommendation for approval.

Councilor Trujillo: The way this is written I do not believe it requires our action.

Michael LNU: I believe that if it is the wish of the committee, the committee can send it forward with their approval. Because it is not an ordinance, just a suggestion, if the committee wants to send it on to the council, it would be fine.

Mr. Lewis: We did not discuss the legislative proposals. I assume that is part of the approval. I would like to take that out.

Councilor Trujillo: That is for the future and has nothing to do with this.

Members agreed to recommend for approval.

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6. Matters from Municipal Court

Mr. Lewis: We discussed the need for updates on sentencing practices – we did not have any reason to believe Judge Yalman wasn't doing a good job. I agreed to meet with her and did so on January 17 – her court administrator Arlene Sisneros was also present. We came up with a plan. The current computer system does not generate the types of reports that we need. They have budgeted for a new system. We are looking at about a year to determine the types of reports we need. I will consult with a statistician in DWI to determine the type of information that we could use. Judge Yalman is very happy to work with us in that regard. I am going to meet with the Care Connection – organization that she refers for screening and follow up. I want a sense on how that is working and what type of follow up there is. I visited the DWI Resource Center who prepared a report in March 2004 on the sentencing practices of the previous court administration. Very few DWIs were being referred to mandatory jail sentence. As a starting point I thought we could run the same types of reports. DWI has agreed to run similar reports for Judge Yalman's administration. I will meet with her and share this information when I receive the report. We will then prepare a report for the public safety committee. I really appreciate Judge Yalman's openness and willingness to work with us. We have some of the toughest DWI laws in the county. We don't need to pile on law after law – we need to enforce the ones we have. Perhaps this exercise will provide a way for us to see what works.

Councilor Trujillo: Thank you.

7. Matters from Police Chief Raymond Rael

Chief Rael: I don't have a lot today but want to bring up burglary statistics for 2011. The residential burglaries were down 11%, commercial down 10%, auto down 26%, up in criminal damage and vandalism. Overall 12% decrease in total numbers. We also developed additional initiatives – joint task force with SFC sheriff's department. They are providing a couple of detectives and we are, to try and hit those that are affecting the city and county and ignoring the jurisdictional boundaries. The Unit kicked off early this week and has already had 3 arrests.

The other is we have worked closely with region 3 and have reallocated resources to concentrate on City of Santa Fe to address problem from the other end – narcotics and drug purchases and transfer of stolen property. We are also continuing other efforts to decrease these numbers. We hope to make inroads and decrease the numbers in 2012.

Mr. Lewis: What do you attribute the decline in burglaries – this initiative, increase in force?

Chief Rael: It is really difficult to say – it is a combination of factors - citizen awareness, we have increased our patrols, bike patrols in neighborhoods, change in the schedules (8 hour shifts put more people on the field), less overtime payments, more resources to allocate, focus that our burglary unit and staff have been putting on this problem. I cannot identify any single factor.

Mr. Mizrahi: I want to praise you and department for the job that you did with the Occupy Santa Fe movement at the Railyard. There were very few instances that were reported unlike other areas. You and your department should be commended for that.

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Chief Rael: Thank you. The credit goes to staff, especially the command staff. The officer's interaction minimized the issues. Thank you for the acknowledgment.

Councilor Trujillo: I have an issue related to cell phones – I still see so many people talk on their cell phones and they are not paying attention. I hope to crack down on that.

Also, I would like to know if we can look at the noise ordinance. We have a serious problem, when I am waiting at a light on Cerrillos and my truck starts vibrating because music is blaring – I would like to know how that ordinance is written and put more punch in it.

Mr. Rivera: I would also like to commend you on property crime comparison and on putting together a well designed spreadsheet which is easy to read. Staff is doing a great job.

Chief Rael: I will pass on the word. If you see anything we can improve on please let us know.

Mr. Rivera: The tendency is to be reactionary; you are doing a good job on what you are doing here.

Mr. Mizrahi: The cell phone issue is almost impossible.

8. Matters from Fire Chief Barbara Salas

Deputy Chief: We have pulled the fire station remodel. The remodel goes to bid on the 26th of January. It will go to council in mid-march. We changed our strategy.

Our firefighter trainee and EMT posting will be out this week with testing in mid-March, the Academy in April and hiring in May.

Mr. Rivera: I had people address with me the 30 mile limit.

Deputy Chief: That is correct. You have to reside within 30 miles of the center of Santa Fe and maintain that residency.

Councilor Trujillo: What is the center of Santa Fe?

Deputy Chief: I believe that is Puye Street.

Mr. Rivera: Were impact fees used for funding of the station initially?

Deputy Chief: Capital improvements. It did not make the list.

Mr. Rivera: Didn't you ask for impact fees?

Deputy Chief: That was about \$58,000 for design and architectural fees. The full focus was a capital improvement project.

Mr. Rivera: The impact fees were used for what they should have been?

Deputy Chief: That's correct.

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9. Matters from Committee Members

None

10. Communications from the Floor

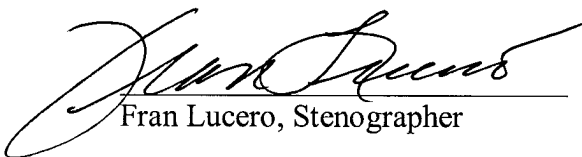
Adam Gallegos: I am President of the Santa Fe Police Officer's Association. I wanted to take an opportunity to address the Public Safety Committee and share our new board's vision for the POA. It has been no secret that there has been conflict between POA and the current governing body. I plan on taking POA in a different direction and have extended the olive branch. I have had successes in some areas and not so much in other areas. We are not just a union. POA is an organization and I believe in being involved in our community. We have affiliated ourselves with FOP (both state and national). It is a good organization and does lots of charity events for the community. FOB Lodge 3 is one of the biggest scholarship providers in Santa Fe. It is dependent on what we bring in. Last semester we gave \$8,000 in scholarships. I have a document with contact information. We are available to you for questions and any suggestions you may have. We have been long absent from having a representative at this committee (passes out contact information to all members).

11. Adjournment

Mr. Harris moved to adjourn at 4:45 pm, seconded by Dr. Lewis, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

SIGNATURE PAGE:

Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer