

1 The Public Safety Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at
2 7:00 p.m. at the Seabrook Fire Station #1, 1850 East Meyer, Seabrook, Texas to
3 discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.
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5 THOSE PRESENT WERE:

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7	LAURA DAVIS	CHAIRPERSON
8	RAY COOK	SVFD FIRE CHIEF
9	ROY HUNTER	CLEMC CHIEF
10	TREY HAFELY (absent)	SVFD PRESIDENT
11	JEFF GALYEAN	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
12	DON HOLBROOK	COUNCIL MEMBER
13	SEAN WRIGHT	POLICE REPRESENTATIVE
14	PETE BRACCIO	SEABROOK CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE
15	RONICA HALL	SEABROOK CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE
16	TOM MERCHANT (absent)	EL LAGO REPRESENTATIVE
17	KELLY TEMPLIN	CITY MANAGER
18	STEVE WEATHERED	CITY ATTORNEY
19	MEREDITH BRANT	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

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21 Chairperson Laura Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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23 **1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
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25 There were none.
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27 **2.0 BUSINESS**
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29 **2.1 Consider revising the proposed Public Safety resolution.**
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31 Chair Davis stated that the City Attorney and City Manager had been invited to the
32 meeting to discuss issues of concern in regards to the proposed resolution.
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34 City Attorney Steve Weathered stated that some concerns are a matter of policy.
35 The Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) does not apply to advisory committees
36 such as the Public Safety Committee unless the governing body is in the habit of
37 rubber stamping its recommendations. However, the City Council elected to have
38 all its committees subject to TOMA. Two Charter provisions also come into play:
39 Section 4.03 which allows Council to create the boards and committees it deems
40 "necessary to carry out the functions and obligations of the City." The same section
41 requires that all appointees shall be residents of the City. Section 4.03 could be
42 subject to interpretation due to the long history of the Public Safety Committee
43 membership including third party members (contractors) who are not subject to the
44 control of the City. Section 4.01 states that all departments Council may establish

45 offices and agencies which do not report to the City Secretary or the Courts shall
46 be under the direction and supervision of the City Manager.

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48 Chair Davis stated that there are two main issues: All City boards are subject to
49 TOMA and all appointed members must be Seabrook residents.

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51 Mr. Weathered stated that the TOMA issue could easily be taken care of by the
52 Council passing a resolution which exempts the Public Safety Committee from
53 TOMA.

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55 Chief Cook stated that it is important to maintain the functionality of the committee.

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57 Mr. Braccio suggested that the committee serves a purpose and should remain
58 intact.

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60 Chair Davis stated that one option would be to modify the resolution which makes
61 all city boards and committees subject to TOMA so that the Public Safety
62 Committee is exempt; another would be to change the nature of the group so that it
63 would be subject to the City Manager who would call regular meetings of the public
64 safety service providers. The group's function would remain the same.

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66 Captain Wright suggested that a task force be formed composed of service
67 providers with no members appointed by Council and the funding process would
68 still be the purview of the City Manager as all budget items are. He also stated that
69 the members of the task force could change based on current issues. He gave
70 Shuttlebration as an example of when it would be appropriate to bring in other
71 public safety providers of other entities. In this case, representatives from Nassau
72 Bay and Webster could have been appointed to the task force until the event was
73 complete.

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75 Motion was made by Chief Cook and seconded by Councilor Holbrook

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77 To recommend to City Council that it take whatever legal means necessary to
78 dissolve the Public Safety Committee, create a Public Safety Task Force appointed
79 by the City Manager with direct reports to be included in the resolution.

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81 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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83 **2.2 Review the Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this**
84 **agenda.**

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86 Chair Davis stated that any items submitted for funds (Item 1) will need to be an
87 agenda item separate from the action items checklist.

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89 **2.3 Update on events affecting public safety since the last meeting.**

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Ronica Hall reported on the following C.E.R.T. activities:

- Training class in Nassau Bay; next week is the final drill
- At the March monthly meeting an active shooter program was presented
- This Saturday they will be working with Red Cross on shelter fundamentals
- C.E.R.T. members were recently called out to shelter in place in Hitchcock.

Chair Davis asked Ms. Hall to report activities to Ms. Dearman so that C.E.R.T. events may be publicized.

Captain Sean Wright reported on the following Police activities:

- Police were involved with the Keels and Wheels event
- Officer Leon Waltman passed away
- Police have been in mandatory training
- Police have a new boat
- Police will order new informational sign.

Chief Cook reported on the following Fire Department activities:

- There has been a lot of activity including a house fire during the recent storm
- Three more certifications have been issued
- Equipment is arriving from the bond fund expenditures
- Recently conducted a successful blood drive
- Received a couple of big grants.

Chief Hunter reported on the following CLEMC activities:

- They have purchased a new ambulance
- Received Cycle 4 accreditation
- They will be conducting the Kids Care immunizations, an annual event in which over 100,000 immunizations have been administered since 1999.

Officer Galyean reported on the following Emergency Management activities:

- A recent hurricane preparedness workshop was held. The entire event was organized by ????? and was a huge success
- He recently attended a meeting regarding evacuation hubs
- On May 25, a Memorial Day celebration will be held at the new World War II Veteran's memorial on Second St.
- He and Chief Cook recently completed Incident Communication Position Specific course.

Chair Davis announced that Robbie White is the new mayor of El Lago.

133 **2.4 Review/approve minutes of the April 10, 2013 Public Safety Committee**
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136 Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Captain Wright
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138 To approve the minutes as written.

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140 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.
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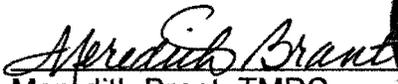
142 **2.5 Future meeting dates and agenda items.**

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144 The next meeting will be June 12.

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146 Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
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150 SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE, 2013.
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156 Laura Davis, Chairperson

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158 Meredith Brant, TMRC
159 Assistant City Secretary
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162 NOTE: These minutes are the last for this committee which was disbanded by City
163 Council on June 4, 2013.