

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Chief of Police

DATE: January 5, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This Ordinance confirms the appointment of Albert A. Ortiz as the Chief of Police of the City of San Antonio, in accordance with § 143.013(a)(1) of the Texas Local Government Code. Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION


Although Chief of Police Albert A. Ortiz will retire from that office effective January 6, 2006, he is willing to continue in this role pending the search for a new police chief. In accordance with the requirements in the Texas Local Government Code, the City Manager must appoint the Chief of Police and this appointment must be confirmed by City Council even if this appointment is on an interim basis. The Chief of Police will serve as the Director of the Police Department and have all powers and duties set forth in the Charter of the City of San Antonio, the Texas Local Government Code and the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the San Antonio Police Officer's Association.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This appointment will comply with the required process set out in state law. Albert A. Ortiz meets all of the requirements of the office and his continued appointment will provide for a smooth transition while the City Manager searches for a new police chief.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.


Sheryl Sculley
City Manager