

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, January 14, 2019

Convened: 11:09 A.M.

Adjourned: 12:43 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair
Council Member Jennifer S. Gates
Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano
Council Member Sandy Greyson
Council Member Kevin Felder
Council Member Carolyn King Arnold

Committee Members Absent:

Council Member Philip T. Kingston, Vice Chair

Other Council Members Present:

Council Member Omar Narvaez
Council Member Tennell Atkins
Council Member Rickey Callahan

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. December 10, 2018 PSCJ Committee Meeting Minutes

Presenter(s): Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the December 10, 2018 meeting minutes.

Motion made by: CM Medrano

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Greyson

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Staff Recognition

Presenter(s): Jon Fortune, City Manager's Office

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune verbally recognized an employee and two Dallas Police Department units for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments. Executive staff wanted to begin the committee meeting by increasing engagement, identifying excellence and showing employees their appreciation.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

Presenter(s): Chief U. Renee Hall, Police Chief, Dallas Police Department

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff briefed the committee on the expiration of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. The presentation outlined the requirements of the Texas Local Government Code that requires the City of Dallas to conduct public hearings on the need to continue, abolish, or modify the juvenile curfew ordinance every three years. In order for the ordinance to be reinstated, the City Council must conduct to authorize two (2) public hearings prior to a final vote. The Dallas Police Department is making a recommendation to decriminalize the penalty. As the ordinance is expired, the curfew currently cannot be enforced. The committee moved forward with presenting the two public hearing dates to the City Council on January 23, 2019. If approved, the meetings will take place on February 6, 2019 and February 13, 2019.

Motion made by: MPT Thomas
Item passed unanimously:
Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Carolyn King Arnold
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

4. DFR Fire Watch

Presenter(s): Chief Dominique Artis, Dallas Fire-Rescue, Christopher Martinez, Fire Marshal/Deputy Chief, Dallas Fire-Rescue

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff presented an amendment change proposal for Fire Watch Procedures. This amendment change is being proposed to address concerns from fees incurred from fire watches with residential/multifamily properties. The amendment change will also give a structured approach towards fire watches going forward. A proposal for a reduced hourly fee for Standby/Fire Watch personnel and an Alternative Personnel (non-DFR) option for residential/ multifamily Fire Watches was presented. The presentation also addressed the details of implementing this change with these properties and the subsequent impact. DFR is proposing the amendment to be presented to this committee in March 2019, and placed on an agenda for council approval in April/June 2019.

5. Committee Action Matrix

Presenter(s): ACM Jon Fortune, City Manager's Office

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The matrix provided the status of council requests from previous meetings. No discussion took place.

Motion made by:
Item passed unanimously:
Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

B. Adam McGough, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

Victoria Cruz, Coordinator
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee