

Quality of Life & Government Services Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: June 10, 2013

Convened: 9:47 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:07 a.m.

Members Present:

Angela Hunt, Chair
Sandy Greyson, Vice Chair
Mónica R. Alonzo
Dwayne Caraway
Carolyn R. Davis

Members Absent:

Briefing Presenters

Theresa O'Donnell
Director of Sustainable Development
and Construction

Keith Manoy
Asst. Dir., Public Works

Frank Camp
Interim Managing Director of
Environment Quality

Staff Present:

Joey Zapata, Theresa O'Donnell, Frank Camp, Casey Burgess, Bonnie Meeder, Keith Manoy, Lisa Christopherson, Jimmy Martin, Barbara Kindig, Rozalind Dickerson, Steven Drake

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of May 13, 2013 Minutes**

Presenter(s):

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 13, 2013.

Motion made by: Dwayne Caraway

Motion seconded by: Sandy Greyson

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. **Streetscape Licensing**

Presenter(s): Theresa O'Donnell

The purpose of this briefing was to review fee options for streetscape licenses, review impacts and consider next steps. Implementation of a potential 2-year pilot program to reduce sidewalk café and streetscape license fees under current license policy was discussed.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to forward the matter to full Council for consideration at its next Agenda meeting.

Motion made by: Sandy Greyson

Motion seconded by: Dwayne Caraway

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. City of Dallas Trail Network Update

Presenter(s): Keith Manoy

The purpose of this briefing was to provide an overview of the current status of the Dallas Trail Network, the estimated completion dates for current trail projects, the proposed schedule for remaining funded trail projects and the future priorities for expanding the trail system. Prioritization criteria including, critical connections, partnership opportunities and competitiveness for grants was discussed. It was mentioned that Dallas County has participated in the funding of multiple trails.

The Chair thanked Mr. Manoy for bringing this matter to the Committee for briefing.

4. Update on Dealing With Plastic Bags

Presenter(s): Frank Camp

The purpose of this briefing was to provide members of the City Council with information regarding single-use bag reduction strategies in Texas and nationwide. A draft ordinance regarding carryout bags was discussed by the City Attorney’s Office. Other cities plastic bag bans were highlighted. The Committee was presented with several options: (1) pass an ordinance banning single-use bags; (2) continue voluntary bag reduction program with local grocery stores; (3) change voluntary program to a required program; (4) work with state Legislature to allow a fee for using single-use bags; and (5) perform a litter proliferation study to determine the nature of litter in Dallas.

Mr. Caraway requested this matter be brought to full Council for consideration.

The Chair thanked Committee members and staff and stated it was a pleasure to serve on the Committee, as this was her last meeting.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to forward the matter to full Council for consideration at a briefing meeting.

Motion made by: Dwaine Caraway

Motion seconded by: Carolyn R. Davis

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

Councilmember Dwaine Caraway
Chair