

Public Safety Committee Meeting Record DRAFT

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Meeting Date: Monday, August 25, 2014

Convened: 11:03 a.m. **Adjourned:** 12:55 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Councilmember Sheffie Kadane, **Chair**
Councilmember Adam Medrano, **Vice-Chair**
Councilmember Jennifer Gates
Councilmember Sandy Greyson
Councilmember Scott Griggs

Executive Staff Present:

Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David O. Brown, DPD
Assistant Chief Thomas Lawrence, DPD
Lt. Sally Lannom, DPD
Sgt. Cheryl Cornish, DPD

Councilmember(s) Absent:

Councilmember Dwaine Caraway

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Sheffie Kadane, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee Chair Kadane called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:03 a.m., Monday, August 25, 2014 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for August 11, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Sheffie Kadane, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Councilmember Medrano**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Seconded by: **Councilmember Griggs**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Upcoming Council Agenda Item(s)**

Presenter: Sheffie Kadane, Chair

- Web Content Management System for Police Internet and Intranet Websites (CIS)
- Acceptance of Tobacco Enforcement Program Grant (DPD)
- Authorize Payments for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) Fees (DPD)
- Dallas Police Department Selective Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant (DPD)
- Authorization of Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement MOU with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPD)
- Proposal to Accept the Texas Burglary and Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Grant Funds (DPD)

A motion was made by Councilmember Greyson to accept the upcoming council agenda items and recommend to full council for approval. Councilmember Medrano seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

4. **Administrative (Police) Reports – Internal Affairs Division Cases**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Tammie Hughes, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There were no recommendations for this item.

5. **Tour of Dallas Junior Police Academy**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Thomas Lawrence, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

At 11:10 a.m., the Public Safety Committee departed for a Tour of the Dallas Junior Police Academy. The academy is located at 5310 Red Bird Center Drive. Assistant Chief Tom Lawrence provided the committee with a brief overview of the agenda for the tour.

- The Dallas Police Academy originally leased this facility in 1990. It was previously in Northwest Dallas near Bachman Lake at a location that is now Love Field Airport property
- The current facility is over 31,000 square feet and contains, staff offices, work areas and a media production studio
- There are 7 classrooms including a computer lab, a gymnasium for defensive tactics training, a workout room, locker and shower facilities and an outside obstacle course
- Outside there are portable buildings that are used for reality based training
- A 5 mile running track built on airport property has been constructed and is used by the recruits as part of the physical training program
- The police vehicle driving track is approximately ½ mile in length with a skid pad for the professional police driving course
- The lease is current through 2017 with another 5 year renewal option. The lease includes the in-service training center at 5610 Red Bird center Drive. This facility is used to conduct training for veteran officers. It has 6 classrooms and a large warehouse area for a future indoor reality based training facility
- There are currently 5 classes going the police academy with the class size ranging from 30 to 50 students. The academy is 36 weeks long (longest in the country). Between 10 to 20 percent of recruits entering the academy don't make it all the way to graduation
- The staff is comprised of 1 Deputy Chief, 1 Major, 1 Lieutenant, 10 Sergeants, 16 sworn officers and 3 civilians

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Sgt. Cornish provided the committee with a presentation of the Doug Woodham Dallas Junior Police Academy. Highlights of the presentation were as follows: (1) Physical Training (2) Law Enforcement Explorers (3) Force Continuum (4) Air 1 (5) Obstacle Course (6) 911 Role Play (7) Crime Scene Lab (8) Fusion Center (9) Gang Awareness (10) K-9 Unit (11) Mounted Unit (12) Car Rides (13) DWI Goggles (14) 911/Communications Tour (15) Explorers and Volunteers and (16) Graduation.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Length of classes
- Funding
- School supplies
- Driving course
- Number of instructors

The tour concluded at 12:29 p.m. Following the tour the committee reconvened in 6ES to adjourn.

The August 25, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Sheffie Kadane, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee