

Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, June 8, 2015

Convened: 11:54 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Councilmember Sheffie Kadane, Chair
Councilmember Dwaine Caraway
Councilmember Jennifer Gates
Councilmember Sandy Greyson
Councilmember Scott Griggs

Executive Staff Present:

Eric D. Campbell, Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David O. Brown, DPD
Deputy Chief Gil Garza, DPD
Major Andrew Harvey, DPD

Committee Members Absent:

Councilmember Adam Medrano

Guests Present:

Caruth Police Institute

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 11:54 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2015 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Meeting Record for May 26, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting

Presenter: Sheffie Kadane, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion made to approve the minutes with an amendment.

Motion made by: **Councilmember Greyson**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Seconded by: **Councilmember Gates**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

The May 26, 2015 minutes were amended with the following revision to list all the motions, including the motions that failed.

Motion #1:

A motion was made by Councilmember Griggs recommending an amendment to Section 51A-9.401 of the Dallas City Code, requiring that a petition for an all-way stop on a residential intersection should be supported by at least two-thirds of the owners or tenants residing within 300 feet of the intersection at issue. Councilmember Medrano seconded the motion and it failed with a divided vote of 2 in favor and 3 opposed.

Councilmember Griggs and Medrano voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Gates, Greyson and Kadane voted in opposition. Councilmember Caraway was not present during the vote.

Motion #2:

A motion was made by Councilmember Griggs recommending an amendment to Section 51A-9.401 of the Dallas City Code, requiring that a petition for an all-way stop on a residential intersection should be supported by at least two-thirds of the owners or tenants based on the average lot size. 1 acre or more 900 feet, ½ acre or more 750 feet, ¼ acre or more 600 feet and less than ¼ acre 300 feet of the intersection at issue. Councilmember Medrano seconded the motion and it failed with a divided vote of 2 in favor and 3 opposed.

Councilmember Griggs and Medrano voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Gates, Greyson and Kadane voted in opposition. Councilmember Caraway was not present during the vote.

Motion #3:

A motion was made by Councilmember Griggs recommending an amendment to Section 51A-9.401 of the Dallas City Code, requiring that a petition for an all-way stop on a residential intersection should be supported by the closest 70 properties to the intersection. Councilmember Medrano seconded the motion and it passed with a divided vote of 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

Councilmember Griggs, Medrano, Gates and Greyson voted in favor. Councilmember Kadane voted in opposition. Councilmember Caraway was not present during the vote.

3. **Dallas Police Department Crime Report**

Presenter: Police Chief David O. Brown, Dallas Police Department

Chief Brown provided the committee with an update to the Crime Report.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Overall violent crime

4. **Caruth Police Institute**

Presenter: Dr. Melinda D. Schlager, Executive Director, Caruth Police Institute

The purpose of this briefing is as follows:

- Promote awareness of the Caruth Police Institute (CPI)
- Provide an overview of current CPI projects/priorities
- Inform the Public Safety Committee of CPIs efforts at sustainability

Committee concerns:

- Officer life expectancy study
- Officer Wellness Program
- Comparison between the Police Academy and Caruth
- Communication
- Leadership
- Mandatory course
- Cybercrime trend
- Internet crimes
- Awareness

5. **Victim Services**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Gil Garza, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this briefing is as follows:

- Update the Public Safety Committee on the history and purpose of providing victim services
- Outline types of cases referred for assistance and services offered by victim advocates

Committee concerns:

- Family violence
- Rights of crime victims
- Resources

6. **Career Planning Program**

Presenter: Major Andrew Harvey, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this briefing is to review the Dallas Police Department's Career Planning Program and changes to it.

The briefing will provide information related to:

- Purpose of the Program
- Current Program
- Career Pathways
- Revised Program
- Program Rules

Committee concerns:

- Time spent in program
- Succession planning
- Career pathways
- Experience
- Length of class
- Assignments

7. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items**

Presenter: Sheffie Kadane, Chair

- a. Marked Squad Car Purchase
- b. Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center
- c. Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Department of Public Safety
- d. Authorize Payment to Dallas County Sheriff's Office for the Dallas County Highway Traffic Program
- e. Authorize a Three-Year Master Agreement for Veterinary Services
- f. Authorize Acceptance of the Tobacco Enforcement Grant
- g. Authorize Application for the Office of Attorney General Victim Assistance Grant

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

Committee concerns:

- Three Year Master Agreement for Veterinary Services
 - Procurement process
 - Vendors outside the City

The June 8, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Adam Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee