

Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, December 12, 2016

Convened: 11:02 A.M. **Adjourned:** 12:53 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member Adam Medrano, Chair
Council Member B. Adam McGough, Vice Chair
Council Member Sandy Greyson
Council Member Tiffinni A. Young
Council Member Jennifer S. Gates
Council Member Philip T. Kingston

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Staff Present:

Assistant City Manager Eric D. Campbell, CMO
Interim Police Chief David Pughes, DPD
Fire Chief David Coatney, DFR
Assistant Chief Paul Stokes, DPD
Alan E. Sims, Chief of Neighborhood Plus
Manager Charletra Sharp, HOU

Director Rocky Vaz, OEM
Captain Sam Stephenson, DFR
Assistant Chief Ted O. Padgett, DFR
Deputy Chief Tameji Berry, DFR
Major William Griffith, DPD

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes from the November 14, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting

Presenter(s): Council Member Medrano, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes.

Motion made by: Council Member Young

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: Council Member Greyson

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Dallas Police Department Crime Report

Presenter(s): Interim Police Chief David Pughes and Assistant Chief Paul Stokes, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with an update on the year to date Crime Report for January 1 – December 7, 2016. Vice Chair McGough requested an update on Nuisance Abatement. CM Kingston would like to add the murder clearance rates to the future crime reports and wants to know the YTD number of domestic violence offenses. CM Kingston would also like detailed information regarding the shooting of a man in his district by a Duncanville Police Officer and would like to know more about how DPD is participating more in these taskforces (DEA, etc.) and what the taskforces are allowed to do within our jurisdiction. In regards to the panhandling citations CM Gates and CM Young would like to know how they are being adjudicated. CM Young would like an update on the Gang Division and what’s going on in her district.

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. Proposed Panhandling Initiative

Presenter(s): Alan E. Sims, Chief of Neighborhood Plus; Manager Charletra Sharp, HOU

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with an overview of the proposed panhandling initiative. CM Young would like to see the process of obtaining identification and to bring back to the committee information/process to expand the Panhandling Zones throughout the City. CM Greyson commented that the reason why we couldn’t have a citywide panhandling initiative is because then the City couldn’t allow DFR to do the Fill the Boot Campaign; staff will look into this and follow-up. She would also like to know why Dallas can’t pay in cash if other cities can. Vice Chair McGough wants to know what type of success Community Courts is having with the panhandling citations that they deal with vs. going to CTS on Main Street. Chair Medrano would like to have panhandling added to the Dallas 311 application when creating a service request.

CM Kingston suggested that staff reach out to the council members to obtain faith leaders/communities contacts in their districts to help bring awareness in reducing panhandling. He also would like staff to look into what options does the City have for either discouraging through a civil fine or criminalizing the giving of money to panhandlers and if it would be beneficial for the City to have a Municipal ID Program. CM Kingston suggested that one of the ways to help with this initiative is by creating a Citizen’s Homeless Commission; a group of volunteers (one from each council district). CM Gates would like to know the number of 911 calls regarding panhandling/aggressive panhandling and add this as an evaluation tool.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

4. Outdoor Warning System Overview

Presenter(s): Director Rocky Vaz, OEM; CEO Carroll Hollingsworth, DH Sales Group

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with an overview of the outdoor warning system and the installation of six additional sirens to enhance the coverage to the existing system.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

5. Dallas Fire-Rescue Arson K9

Presenter(s): Captain Sam Stephenson, DFR

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with an overview of the DFR's Fire Investigation and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Division (Arson K9).

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

6. Administrative (Fire) Reports

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Tameji Berry, DFR

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

An informational memo was provided to the committee regarding fire incidents during the period of October 16, 2016 – November 14, 2016.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

7. Administrative (Police) Reports

Presenter(s): Major William Griffith, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

An informational memo was provided to the committee regarding the following new cases: Control #2016-253, Control #2016-255, Control #2016-257, Control #2016-247.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

8. Upcoming Agenda Item(s)

Presenter(s): Council Member Medrano, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to move forward to full council for approval.

Motion made by: Council Member Greyson

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: Vice Chair McGough

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Adam Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Crystal Lee, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee