

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, May 14, 2018

Convened: 11:03 A.M.

Adjourned: 12:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair
Council Member Philip T. Kingston, Vice Chair
Council Member Jennifer S. Gates
Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano
Council Member Sandy Greyson
Council Member Kevin Felder

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. April 23, 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 April 23, 2018 meeting minutes.

Motion made by: DMPT Medrano

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Kingston

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Upcoming Agenda items

Presenter(s): ACM Jon Fortune, CMO

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

There were three draft agenda items for the May 23rd Agenda. Council did not discuss draft items A or B. CM Kingston raised concern about upcoming draft agenda item C, regarding authorization of an acquisition contract for the purchase and installation of an upgraded digital camera system, digital video recorder, and mapping system for the Dallas Police Department Helicopter Unit. The differences between a helicopter and drone were discussed. Chief P. Stokes responded that due to zoning, certificate of authorization and FAA regulations the drone is limited, whereas the helicopter can cover a larger area. Kingston states this item sounds like a regulatory problem not a technology problem and will be looking at aggressive budget cutting in this area.

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. Public Safety Dashboards

Presenter(s): ACM Jon Fortune (CMO), David Coatney, Fire Chief (Dallas Fire Rescue), Chief U. Renee Hall and Deputy Chief Albert Martinez (Dallas Police Department)

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the Committee with the month ending April 2018 Public Safety Dashboards to provide a comprehensive snap shot of performance measures, critical areas of concerns, and staffing levels each month. Dallas Fire Rescue spoke first, highlighting the sworn staffing and hiring numbers, stating the consistent recruiting and hiring numbers are resulting in reduction of overtime usage. Police spoke second highlighting crime slides. Chair McGough asked if DPD has specific plans for monitoring property crime as school year is ending. DPD responded they are focusing on burglaries, juveniles, working with NPO's, and community outreach on events for youth. DPD is partnering with the DISD and RISD districts on youth outreach. Court and Detention services were present but did not speak as council had no comments or concerns.

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. Vacant Lots and Car Washes

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Albert Martinez, Dallas Police Department

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with an overview on issues and crime on vacant lots and car washes. Chief Martinez presented DPD's goals, current enforcement, and next steps for these areas. The briefing included how DPD is approaching vacant private lots and City maintained lots. Councilmembers in agreement stated convenience stores and gas stations should be included in future communications. They would also like more clarity brought to the issues and for staff to create an inclusive plan with other departments. Code and CAO representatives were present but were not called to speak.

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. Committee Action Matrix

Presenter(s): ACM Jon Fortune, CMO

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the Committee with responses to the requests/questions asked during previous Committee meetings along with an updated action matrix.

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:

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

ATTEST:

Victoria Cruz, Coordinator
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

