

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, August 13, 2018

Convened: 11:01 A.M.

Adjourned: 12:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Council Member Tennell Atkins

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Upcoming Agenda Item

Presenter(s): ACM Jon Fortune

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Upcoming agenda item for August 22, 2018 council meeting was brought to committee. No discussion took place.

2. June 25, 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 June 25, 2018 meeting minutes.

Motion made by: CM Gates

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Felder

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. DPD Camera Surveillance Program

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Paul Stokes, Dallas Police Department

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff briefed the committee on an overview of the Surveillance Camera Systems and units responsible for their monitoring. The goal of the presentation was to provide Council with a status report of the daily operations by the Video One team that is housed in the Fusion Center. Chief Stokes covered the deployment and monitoring of the additional cameras by various investigative units. Council asked staff to provide context on who has access to these types of platforms, the cost associated with the cameras and what the protocol is for the placement of the cameras to which staff responded 911 priority calls.

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. Dockless Vehicles

Presenter(s): Mike Rogers, Director of Transportation, Executive Assistant Chief Pughes, Dallas Police Department (DPD)

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff presented council with their feedback to the Dockless Bicycles and Electric Scooters Ordinance. The presentation addressed issues faced by DPD regarding enforcement of traffic laws and city ordinances from operators of the dockless vehicles. Staff outlined issues and operational concerns, including policy regulations, criminal activity, and departmental requests on how the dockless bicycles and scooters are affecting public safety. DPD's enforcement actions included engaging residents that are not following laws related to bicycles and motorized scooters or operating in an unsafe manner and give warnings and educate individuals before issuing citations. When asked about enforcement, transportation and police department staff responded that they have had several meetings regarding dockless vehicles and out of those discussions, implementing no parking signs and issuing a public safety announcement were options. Council responded with concern that violations that are currently being handled by DPD would take away from higher priority issues. Chief Pughes responded that they are looking into parking enforcement officers being able to write citations and alleviate the need for DPD in those concentrated areas.

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. Cite & Release

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Lonzo Anderson, Dallas Police Department, Ellyce Lindberg, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Council was briefed on the Dallas Police Department's (DPD) Cite & Release program. Chief Anderson covered the locations and citations issued with the reasons for contact. The Chief's assessment and recommended improvement for the program were also discussed. Council appreciated the arrest versus Cite & Release slide that staff discussed in detail. Council was provided with statistical information to include a divisional breakdown, TAAG locations, drug locations and open-air drug use. Reason for contact included 911 calls, pedestrian stops, and traffic stops. Council was provided with the suspect race percentages in each of those contact areas. Benefits to this program include preventing jail time, drug awareness classes, vehicles not towed at owners' expense and suspects not custodially arrested. Councilmembers were interested in the District Attorney's Office operations regarding Cite & Release and appreciated that staff was looking at other cities and how those programs are run.

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. Committee Action Matrix

Presenter(s): ACM Jon Fortune, City Managers Office

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Councilmember Greyson asked a few questions related to the summary of Northwest Patrol Division's Prostitution Initiatives Memo that was provided to the committee on August 10, 2018. Chief Hall provided clarity on the categories including city arrests, traffic stops, pedestrian stops and manifest citations. DPD has also implemented two divisions to patrol the high prostitution areas where these operations take place.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

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

Victoria Cruz, Coordinator
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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