

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Record

Meeting Date: Monday, August 14, 2017

Convened: 11:02 A.M. **Adjourned:** 12:28 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:

Council Member Casey Thomas, II

Staff Present:

Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune, CMO
Interim Police Chief David Pughes, DPD
Assistant Chief Paul Stokes, DPD
Major Melissa McGee, DPD

Deputy Chief William Humphrey
Major William Griffith, DPD
Assistant Chief Randall Blankenbaker, DPD
Executive Asst. City Attorney Maureen Milligan, CAO0

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes from the June 12, 2017 Public Safety Committee Meeting

Presenter(s): Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the June 12, 2017 minutes.

Motion made by: MPT Caraway

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: DMPT Medrano

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Monthly Crime Report

Presenter(s): Interim Police Chief David Pughes, 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 – July 31, 2017 and the month to month crime report for July 1-31, 2017. MPT Caraway requested a comparison of the types of crimes from 1969 vs. Current and would like to see if there is a way to shorten the time officers spend at Lew Sterrett when booking and dealing with medical issues. He would like to see a shared responsibility between all agencies (DPD, Sheriffs, County, etc.) in order to help officers get back on the street to improve response time. Another concern was the early release “catch and release” of criminals for certain types of crimes and would like to see if D.A. Faith Johnson could speak to the judges regarding this. CM Greyson would like staff to provide her with a memo with the (7) locations of the gang offenses in D12. In regards to the Top 5/Bottom 5 Beats in terms of crime rate change, Vice Chair Kingston would like to get additional back-up information and specifics on where things are going right/wrong. Chair McGough asked to have the “hot spot” data for the City and by

council district. CM Felder is concerned about the gang offenses increasing in D7 and questioned the process on staffing when it relates to the amount of crime per district. He also inquired about shifting sworn officers out of civilian positions and back on patrol and would like staff to look into this. There was a murder at the Little World Convenience Store and he would like an update on it. Would like to push an effort to get citizens to report crime in the South Dallas and Fair Park area; DPD currently scheduled community meetings to address this. Chair McGough would like to talk to staff on the how the gang unit resources are being utilized.

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. Nuisance Abatement

Presenter(s): Major Melissa McGee, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with an update on the Nuisance Abatement Program. MPT Caraway expressed his gratitude for the Community Prosecution tea and how important they are; would like a list of where they are assigned. He would like to see an increased enforcement of the Criminal Trespass Affidavit and possibly placing a metal sign on the properties. Also, would like staff to review the K2 Ordinance due to the increase of use in Downtown and Deep Ellum. CM Felder was disappointed that there are no open cases for three (3) carwashes in D7 (MLK, Malcom X, and Faye Heggins) that has high crime activity. He questioned about the status of Little World and staff will meet with him to discuss. CM Felder requested a breakdown of criminal offenses in 2016 and YTD 2017 and where does D7 rank and would like to see a strengthening of the loitering ordinance. DMPT would like to get an update on K2 arrests and dealers/sellers; staff will meet with him. Chair McGough wants to continue to focus attention on tracking the data.

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. State Fair Security Plan

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief William Humphrey, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with an overview of the State Fair Security Plan. CM Felder questioned compensation/reimbursement for officer's time; overtime is reimbursed. He wants to see the same level of patrol during the Fair year-around. CM Gates is concerned on the fairness of the compensation and the resources needed for the Fair. MPT Caraway would like to meet with staff to address some additional 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:

5. Administrative (Police) Reports

Presenter(s): Major William Griffith, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the committee with an informational memo on cases: Control #2017-126, Control #2015-296, and Control #2017-014.

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. Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Action Matrix

Presenter(s): Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the committee with an action matrix that will be used to help monitor and track requests and/or questions asked during the committee meetings that will require staff to follow-up. It is a working document and will be a standard topic on future agendas.

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. Upcoming Agenda Item(s)

Presenter(s): Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

CM Gates would like to get a copy of the final MOU with Highland Park ISD for Draft Agenda Item (A). MPT Caraway wants to be involved with the education on the use of tobacco and would like to speak with staff to see if the grant amount is enough and/or can we get more. A motion was made to move these upcoming agenda items forward with recommendation to full Council.

Motion made by: CM Felder

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Gates

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

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

Crystal Lee, Coordinator
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee