

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 13, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – July 10, 2018**

Update Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule - July 10, 2018 & July 17, 2018](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 and July 17, 2018:

July 10, 2018 – Complete as of 4:00 pm	July 17, 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1800 South Blvd (District 7)• 2300 Al Lipscomb Way (District 7)• Good Latimer Freeway at Coombs Street (District 7)• Marvin D Love Service Road at Polk Street (District 4)• I-30 Interstate at Hampton Road (District 6)• 2188 S Malcolm X at Oaks Blvd (District 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Griffin St at I-30 Interstate (District 2)• 600 S. Peak Street (District 2)• 500 S. Haskell Ave (District 2)• 500 S. Hill Street(District 2)• 1700 Chestnut Street(District 2)• 2929 Hickory Street (District 7)• 600 S. Malcolm X Blvd (District 2)• 2698 Taylor St (District 2)• 1400 S. Harwood Street (District 2)• 1200 S. St. Paul Street (District 2)• 1100 S. Ervay Street (District 2)• 1012 S. Akard Street (District 2)

OHS Street Outreach team will continue to engage with homeless individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization staff are meeting with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services and Monica Hardman, Managing Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

[Homeless Solutions Proposed Strategy- Community Outreach Meetings \(Phase I\)](#)

As previously communicated, the Office of Homeless Solutions is conducting community meetings to receive input on the homeless solutions proposed strategy, as well as build community partnerships in addressing homelessness in Dallas. The first meeting will be held tonight, July 10 at 6:30 pm at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Staff will share input received in their proposed homeless solutions strategy briefing to City Council on August 1, 2018.

All other public outreach meetings will proceed as scheduled and a revised flyer is attached for your review. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services, or Monica Hardman, Managing Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

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[Dallas County Schools and School Crossing Guard Program](#)

As previously shared with City Council, the City has contracted with All City Management Services (ACMS) to provide crossing guard services to schools in Dallas beginning August 1st. ACMS is working to ensure guards will be ready and deployed on the first day of school for independent school districts and private elementary schools located inside Dallas city limits.

Today we received a media inquiry from KDFW, Fox 4 News regarding the physical evaluation process for individuals seeking employment as school crossing guards with ACMS. A current guard informed KDFW that he and others failed the physical assessment required by the City of Dallas' vendor, and are now unemployed. The story includes an interview with City staff and is scheduled to air at 6 p.m.

ACMS has conducted several transitional meetings to evaluate the readiness and continued employment of 309 current school crossing guards. ACMS requires applicants pass the following assessments/tests before being offered employment:

- Physical Evaluation– to determine the applicant's ability to perform basic crossing guard tasks such as: stepping up and down from a curb; holding a sign above his/her head; and, walking a straight line.
- Criminal Background Test
- Drug Test

To date, 65 have undergone the Physical Evaluation of which 54 passed and 11 failed for various reasons. Those who passed the Physical Evaluation will undergo criminal background and drug testing within the next two weeks. In the meantime, the remaining 244 applicants are still being evaluated and Physical Evaluation testing continues as they qualify. Those who failed the initial Physical Evaluation are eligible to reapply when they meet the criteria.

Besides recruiting from the current pool of school crossing guards, ACMS has held 13 hiring events throughout the City. Upcoming events are scheduled for July 17th, 24th, and 31st. Additionally, ACMS is employing an online marketing strategy for job seekers using Indeed, Craigslist, and Zip Recruiter. The company is also distributing flyers and encouraging current employees to tell a friend about opportunities with ACMS. To ensure vacancies are filled and relief staff are available, ACMS will continue its recruitment and interviewing efforts. So far 28 new hires have been made from outside the current pool of school crossing guards.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the information above, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

New Items

[Upcoming TML and NLC Conferences](#)

The 2018 Texas Municipal League Annual Conference and Exhibition is being held in Fort Worth from October 10-12, 2018 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. This annual conference hosts over 2,500 city officials to learn, swap ideas, and network while discussing issues affecting each city and sharing best practices to resolve them. Registrations can be made online at the following [link](#). Early registration begins July 17 at 10:00 am. Should you have any questions regarding the conference or registration please contact Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs.

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The 2018 National League of Cities City Summit Conference is being held in Los Angeles, California from November 7-10, 2018 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. This annual conference hosts over 3,500 attendees from across the country and provides educational and networking opportunities to increase the effectiveness of local leaders. Registrations can be made online at the following [link](#). Early registration is open until July 15. Should you have any questions regarding the conference or registration please contact Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs.

[Fire Department Overtime](#)

Staff is currently analyzing a continued high need for overtime in Dallas Fire Rescue and anticipate submitting a request to the City Council for another appropriation adjustment this fiscal year. Staff will provide further information as the analysis is completed. Should you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer.

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of July 9nd, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Fallen Officers Memorial
- Mildred L. Dunn Park
- Robbery at Costco (DFR)
- Lake Ray Hubbard Water Rescue (DFR)

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the week of July 2nd – July 9th for your reference and in the event you are contacted by the press. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

Look Ahead

[City Council Briefings](#)

August 1, 2018

- Bond Program Update
- Homeless Solutions Proposed Strategy
- Resilient Dallas Strategy and Equity Indicators

August 14, 2018

- City Managers Recommended Budget for FY 18-19 and FY 19-20 Biennial Budget
- Truth in Taxation
- FY 18-19 and FY 19-20 Budget for Public Safety Strategic Priority

[Senior Listening Sessions](#)

Senior Affairs staff is currently working with Senior Affairs Commissioners to plan and implement Round 2 of senior listening sessions. Commissioners are identifying dates, locations and speakers and partners for the events in their respective districts, with staff supporting their efforts and assisting with logistics as needed. Efforts are being made to focus on 2-4 districts each month in order to individualize the sessions to the community's needs. In response to feedback from City Council and from previous listening sessions, Office of Community Care staff is working to ensure that sessions are offered at varied times, at accessible community locations, and that each session agenda focuses primarily on hearing from the community.

Staff will also include information about available community services, which was one of the items most frequently requested. Additionally, staff will offer some of the sessions fully in Spanish to reduce language-based participation barriers. Should you have any questions or

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concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services or Jessica Galleshaw, Managing Director of the Office of Community Care, or your Senior Affairs Commissioner.

Schedule of Confirmed Listening Sessions:

Date	Council District	Location	Status
August 7, 2018 10:30-12:00 pm	14	Lakewood Branch Library 6121 Worth Street Dallas, TX 75214	Confirmed



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Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
July 3 – July 9

July 6; Gillian Jones, FOX4: Do you have any info you can send over on the Fallen Officers Memorial at City Hall tomorrow at 9am? Who's expected to be there?

City Response: There's a memorial at Jack Evans today at 10:30. There are several events tomorrow but I don't know of a memorial event at City Hall.

Dallas Police Media:

July 4; Fox 4, NBC 5, WFAA, CBS 11, DMN; inquiries related to an incident at Mildred L. Dunn Park

City response: On July 4, 2018 at about 3:30 a.m., two unknown males were in the Mildred L. Dunn Park fighting. The black male suspect was on top of the victim causing injury to him. The victim died as a result of the suspect actions. This is an on-going investigation and it will be documented on case number 145223-2018.

July 4; Fox 4, NBC 5, WFAA, CBS 11, DMN; inquiries related to a shooting in the 3200 block of Samuell Blvd.

City response: On July 4, 2018 at about 5:35 a.m., officers responded to a shooting call in the 3200 block of Samuell Boulevard. Upon arrival, officers met with the victim that stated he was at an unknown club and was shot in his leg by an unknown suspect. The victim was transported by Dallas Fire Rescue to a local hospital for his injury. This offense will be documented on case number 145266-2018.

July 8; Fox 4, NBC 5, WFAA, CBS 11, DMN; inquiries related to a shooting at the 2300 block of South Buckner Blvd.

City response: On July 8, 2018 at about 3:30 a.m., officers responded to a shooting call in the 2300 block of South Buckner Boulevard. Upon arrival, officers met with the victim that stated he shot by a black male suspect at Trees nightclub in Deep Ellum. The suspect was transported to a local hospital with unknown injuries. This is an on-going investigation and it will be documented on case number 148455-2018.



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: July 2, 2018 – July 8, 2018.

July 2, 2018: (Monica Hernandez, WFAA 8) – I'm following up on the robbery at a Costco at 8055 Churchill Way in Dallas yesterday – Sunday 7/1.

Multiple people who were inside at the time say the emergency exit doors weren't working, and everyone was forced to go out a single door in the back that had merchandise and pallets in front of it.

Hoping you can point me in the right direction on this.

- Has the fire marshal received any complaints about this, and if so, how many?
- Is there an investigation? If so, what are the steps you'll take in that investigation, and have any inspectors/investigators from the office gone to inspect the location yet? If so, what did they find? If not, when will that happen? What is the status of the investigation? Were the emergency exit doors, in fact, not working?
- What are the protocols on working emergency exits?
- When is the last time the state fire marshal inspected emergency exits at that location?
- Could Costco receive a citation?
- Is there any opportunity for sound today on this?

City Response: Our inspector stopped by the location to investigate the complaint. He determined that the exit doors had an allowable delay of 15 seconds before release. This is actually a Building Code allowance that can be granted upon request. The request takes into consideration that other life safety measures must be in place before approval. In this case, the facility requested the 15 delay, from Building Inspection, in an effort to minimize theft. Our inspector checked the doors and confirmed the delay was set at 15 seconds. He checked all other exits and did not note any other hazards while on location today.

NOTE: This media inquiry was included in the 6/25 – 7/1 TCB as a last second entry, but it is being included in this week's update since it actually took place within the identified briefing dates.

July 3, 2018: (All Local News Outlets) – Looking for information about a house fire 3523 McBroom Street.

City Response: At 4:16 p.m. Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to multiple 911 calls for a structure fire at a home, located at 3523 McBroom Street, in Dallas.

When first responding companies arrived at the one-story home they observed heavy fire coming from the side of the house, as well as a detached shed. Thankfully, there was no one at home at the time of the fire, but there were 6 dogs in the house; all of which were pulled out safely by firefighters and animal control officers.

Though no one was home, the American Red Cross had to be called out for the needs of 2 Adults and 4 Children who reside at the home.



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Fire investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature, and began after a tree branch fell onto, and knocked down, a power line; igniting the grass. The grass fire quickly spread to both the house and the detached shed; causing significant damage to the home and completely destroying the shed.

July 3, 2018: (All Local News Outlets) – Dallas Fire-Rescue News Release

Dallas: On the morning of Tuesday, July 3rd, Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) Fire Prevention Officers and the Dallas Police Department's (DPD) Southeast Crime Response Team (CRT) seized over 7,100 pounds of fireworks from a residence in Southeast Dallas. On June 29th, a tip came to DFR, by way of the State Fire Marshal's Office, from a citizen concerning an individual selling fireworks within the Dallas city limits. DFR Fire Inspectors, acting on the information, began gathering facts via social media, open information data bases and interdepartmental intelligence. Using that information they obtained and executed a search warrant, in conjunction with DPD's CRT, at a home at 1437 Ashview Circle; resulting in the seizure of approximately 7,133 pounds of fireworks.

This seizure was only made possible by the efforts of multiple departments and agencies, to include DFR and DPD; and serves as a highlight to the continued efforts being put forth to ensure the safety of the City and its citizens by ridding the street of illegal fireworks.

As a reminder, fireworks are illegal in the City of Dallas; and both DFR and DPD will be teaming up to ensure that our communities are kept safe from their associated dangers.

July 3, 2018: (All Local News Outlets) – Looking for information about a Lake Ray Hubbard Water rescue involving possible missing boaters.

City Response: Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a water rescue at Lake Ray Hubbard, at 8:33 p.m., after an 18 ft. Sea Ray became stranded in the water.

There were 5 people on board the boat when it became stranded. For reasons that are unclear, three male occupants jumped into the water, reportedly wearing life vests, but were unaccounted for when first responders arrived. The two people who remained on the boat, an adult female and a child, were rescued.

The high winds caused the water current to carry both the men and the boat away from their locations at the time of the 911 call; but after a thorough, which incorporated the use of boats and helicopters, the three men were located and extracted from the water. No one had to be taken to the hospital.

July 5, 2018: (Matt Howerton, WFAA 8) - I have video of some citizens shooting fireworks at a DFR engine last night. I was told that 2 engines had to be pulled out of service because of this. Can you get back to me?

Would love to know the dollar amount when it comes to damages – and if police are investigating.

City Response: Yes, two engines had to be pulled out of service as a result of fireworks being shot at them. Both engines were pulled from service temporarily.



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One of them had to have a windshield replaced and has long since been returned to service. The other one had a hole in a one in an unspecified mechanical component, and should be back in service soon.

It caused roughly \$1,400 in damages, but you'll have to ask PD if this is something they're investigating.

July 5, 2018: (All Local News Outlets) – Dallas Fire-Rescue News Release

Dallas: During the designated operational period, of July 4th, at Noon – July 5th, at 2:00 a.m., approximately 48 Dallas Fire-Rescue Fire Prevention Officers, in conjunction with Dallas Police Officers during subdivision patrols, spread across the City of Dallas, at various public and private fireworks shows and pyrotechnic displays and public parks, to monitor for the illegal use of fireworks. Additionally, firefighters worked diligently during this time to make sure any fires, resulting from the use of fireworks or not, were extinguished in as quick and effective a manner as possible.

The following information reflects data, relative to emergency response, fireworks confiscation, citations issued, etc., during the identified operational period:

Structure Fires – 2

Vehicle Fires – 1

Citations Issued – 9

Fireworks Confiscated – 8,698.5 lbs.*

* This figure was the cumulative result of seizures done on the morning (7,133 lbs.) and evening (545.8 lbs.) of July 3rd, and all of July 4th (1,019.7 lbs.)

July 5, 2018: Notice to Council from ACM, Jon Fortune

Notice: Council Members, I wanted to make your aware of the arrest of a Dallas Fire Fighter. On July 5, 2018, Dallas Fire Rescue employee Ray Edwards was arrested by officers from the Dallas Police Department for Assault Family Violence, a class C misdemeanor.

Firefighter Edwards will face disciplinary action pending the ongoing criminal and administrative investigations. Please let me know if you have any questions.

July 6, 2018: (All Local News Outlets) – Looking for details about a 2-alarm grass fire

City Response: At 2:50 p.m. Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call for a grass fire at 2903 Southerland Avenue, in South Dallas.

There is no confirmed information on the size of the area involved, but a 2-alarm response, to include 6 heavy apparatus, 7 brush trucks/boosters/trail and other support units, was dispatched to try and contain the fire.

There were no structures threatened, but traffic had to be blocked on the perimeter, to allow for the unimpeded access of emergency response vehicles.



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The fire was declared extinguished at 7:03 p.m., the cause is undetermined and there were no reported injuries.

PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING SCHEDULE



Overall homelessness and unsheltered homelessness has increased 9% and 23% respectively since 2017. The Office of Homeless Solutions' proposed Homeless Solutions Strategy consists of four tracks to address homelessness in Dallas.



DATE	LOCATION	TIME
TBD	Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center 5150 Mark Trail Dallas, TX 75232 214-670-1928	TBD
July 10, 2018	J. Erik Jonsson Central Library 1515 Young Street Dallas, TX 7521 214-670-1400	6:30pm - 7:30pm
July 11, 2018	Tele Town Hall (phone and web-based) Register at dallascitynews.net	6:00pm - 7:00pm
July 12, 2018	Beckley-Saner Recreation Center 114 W. Hobson Dallas, TX 75224 214-670-7595	6:30pm - 7:30pm
July 16, 2018	Tele Town Hall (phone and web-based) Register at dallascitynews.net	6:00pm - 7:00pm
July 17, 2018	Walnut Hill Recreation Center 1011 Midway Road Dallas, TX 75229 214-670-7112	6:30pm - 7:30pm
July 19, 2018	W. Dallas Multipurpose Center 2828 Fish Trap Road Dallas, TX 75212 214-670-6340	6:30pm - 7:30pm
July 25, 2018	Tommie M. Allen Recreation Center 7071 Bonnie View Road Dallas, TX 75241 214-670-0986	6:30pm - 7:30pm
July 26, 2018	Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center 2922 MLK Blvd Dallas, TX 75215 214-670-8418	6:30pm - 7:30pm
July 30, 2018	Harry Stone Recreation Center 2403 Millmar Dallas, TX 75228 214-670-0949	6:30pm - 7:30pm
July 31, 2018	Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center 12225 Willowdell Dallas, TX 75243 214-670-6182	6:30pm - 7:30pm
August 2, 2018	Kidd Springs Recreation Center 711 W Canty St, Dallas, TX 75208, 214-670-7535	6:30pm - 7:30pm
August 6, 2018	Timberglen Recreation Center 3810 Timberglen Rd, Dallas, TX 75287, 214-671-0644	6:30pm - 7:30pm
August 7, 2018	Fretz Recreation Center 6950 Belt Line Rd, Dallas, TX 75254, 214-670-6203	6:30pm - 7:30pm
August 8, 2018	Reverchon Recreation Center 3505 Maple Ave, Dallas, TX 75219, 214-670-7720	6:30pm - 7:30pm
August 9, 2018	Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center 8701 Greenmound Ave, Dallas, TX 75227, 214-670-0945	6:30pm - 7:30pm

TRACK 1

INCREASE SHELTER CAPACITY

Expand capacity of existing providers through contracted pay-to-stay shelter beds.

TRACK 2

TEMPORARY HOMELESS CENTERS

Provide shelter and support services for up to 90 days in the 4 quadrants of the city simultaneously.

TRACK 3

MASTER LEASE/LANDLORD INCENTIVE

Provide security deposits, rent, utilities, and incentives to tenants as well as incentives and risk mitigation services to participating landlords.

TRACK 4

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Funding for permanent supportive housing targeting chronic homeless; rapid rehousing addressing the elderly, disabled, families with children and young adults; Day Centers for seamless wrap-around services.

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SUBJECT **City Hall Cafeteria**

Staff is providing the information below in response to the memorandum dated June 27, 2018 sent by Council Members McGough, Greyson and Kingston regarding future plans to reopen City Hall Cafeteria.

A cross departmental team from Human Resources and Equipment and Building Services are currently gathering information, specifications, and cost in preparation of a proposal to refurbish and update the common space known as City Hall Cafeteria.

In addition, an RFP is currently being drafted for food service vendors and is expected to be published by the end of August 2018.

It is possible that the cafeteria could be reopened by March 2019, subject to the timing of approvals, the RFP selection process and project completion. Cost implications will be subject to responses to the RFP and discussed as part of the budget, if warranted.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

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T. G. Broadnax
City Manager

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SUBJECT **Sales Tax Receipts**

The May 2018 sales tax receipts from the State Comptroller's Office are \$24,246,315 which represents a 3.6 percent increase in total collections compared to the same reporting period last year. May's sales tax revenue is 0.3 percent more than the current month's budget.

- May 2017 actual \$23,406,768
- May 2018 budget \$24,183,127
- May 2018 actual \$24,246,315

Sales tax receipts for the first 8 months of FY 2017-18 are more than budgeted by \$1,555,576 or 0.8 percent. Over the most recent 12 months, sales tax receipts have increased by 3.6 percent. We will continue to monitor our sales tax forecast closely and keep you informed.

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M. Elizabeth Reich
Chief Financial Officer

[Attachment]

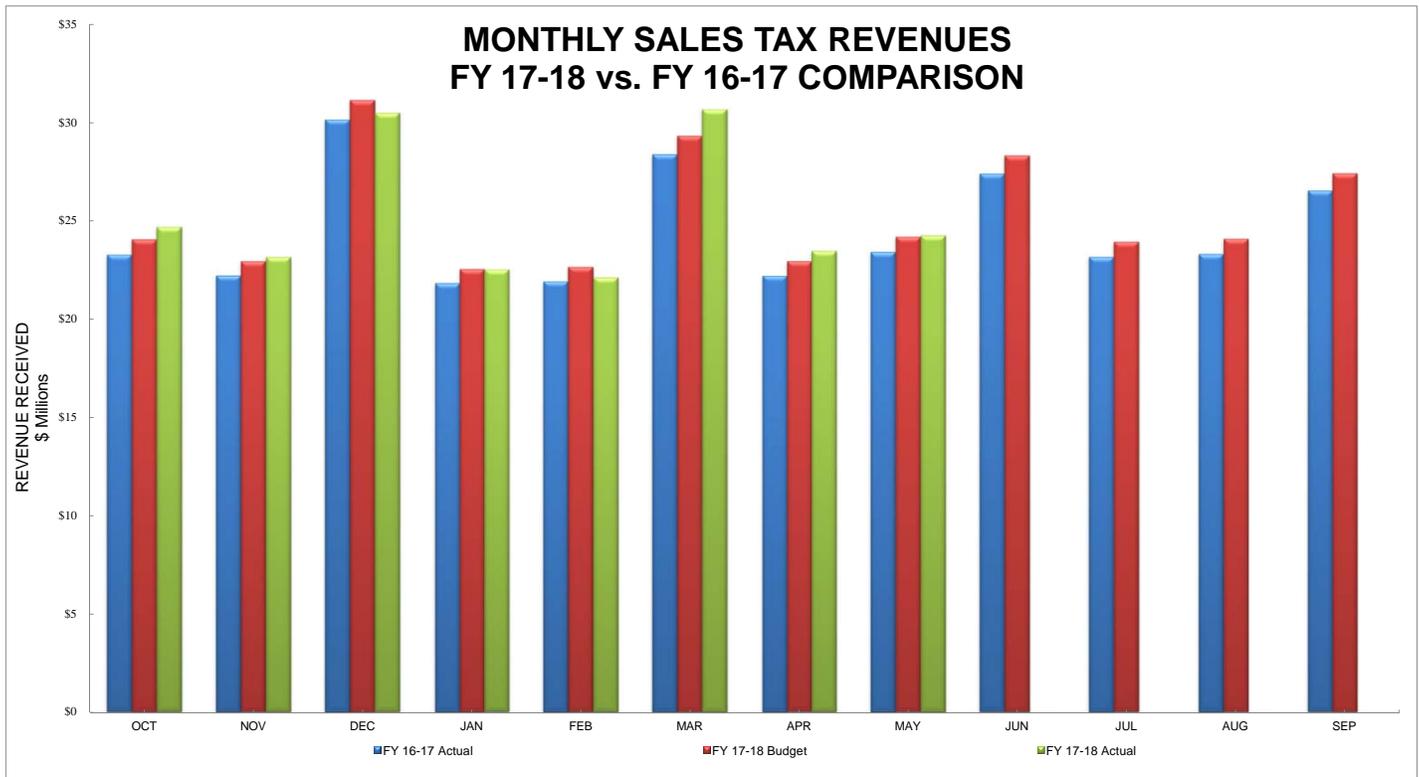
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SALES TAX

as of May 2018

	ACTUAL FY 2016-17	BUDGET FY 2017-18	ACTUAL FY 2017-18	YTD VARIANCE FY 17-18		YTD VARIANCE FY 17-18	
				ACT. VS. FY 16-17 DOLLARS	ACT. PERCENT	ACTUAL VS. BUDGET DOLLARS	PERCENT
OCT	\$23,256,127	\$24,027,490	\$24,658,939	\$1,402,812	6.0%	\$631,450	2.6%
NOV	22,167,177	22,902,421	23,107,433	940,256	4.2%	205,011	0.9%
DEC	30,146,384	31,146,284	30,495,919	349,535	1.2%	(650,365)	-2.1%
JAN	21,809,865	22,533,258	22,512,572	702,707	3.2%	(20,686)	-0.1%
FEB	21,898,775	22,625,117	22,085,841	187,066	0.9%	(539,276)	-2.4%
MAR	28,359,166	29,299,787	30,639,226	2,280,060	8.0%	1,339,439	4.6%
APR	22,205,794	22,942,319	23,469,135	1,263,341	5.7%	526,815	2.3%
MAY	23,406,768	24,183,127	24,246,315	839,547	3.6%	63,187	0.3%
JUN	27,407,086	28,316,129					
JUL	23,147,421	23,915,178					
AUG	23,277,160	24,049,220					
SEP	26,528,842	27,408,755					
TOTAL	\$293,610,565	\$303,349,086	\$201,215,380	\$7,965,324	4.1%	\$1,555,576	0.8%



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SUBJECT **Moody's Investors Service Recognizes 'Credit Positive' Council Action of Back-Pay Lawsuits' Settlement - INFORMATION**

Today, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) released a brief Issuer Comment article regarding the credit positive impact of the Council action authorizing settlement of the remaining two pay referendum lawsuits. According to Moody's, the "settlement, which covers the final two of six original suits, is credit positive because it resolves a long-standing legal uncertainty that could have significantly jeopardized Dallas' financial stability." Moody's also states that, "Dallas continues to exhibit strong economic growth leading to stable debt burden despite additional debt."

This article is not a concrete rating change from Moody's, but reflects positively on Dallas as we prepare for upcoming bond sales to satisfy the judgments.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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Dallas settles remaining public safety back-pay lawsuits, a credit positive

On June 27, the [Dallas](#) (A1 stable) City Council authorized a settlement, for an amount not to exceed \$173.3 million, of the remaining two lawsuits related to a decades-long legal battle over police back pay. The settlement, which covers the final two of six original suits, is credit positive because it resolves a long-standing legal uncertainty that could have significantly jeopardized Dallas' financial stability. While the precise amount of the liability to the city, if the city had lost in trial, was unknown, most recent estimates placed the liability at around \$4 billion, an amount that far exceeds the available liquidity of the city and was more than double the city's already outstanding debt.

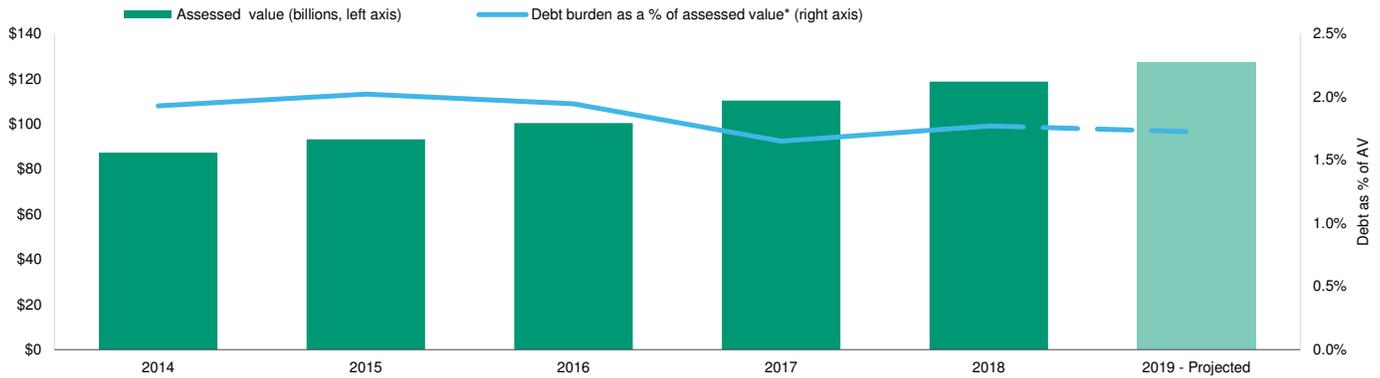
This most recent settlement follows council approval on November 14, 2017 to settle the four outstanding [Collin County](#) (Aaa stable) cases for an amount not to exceed \$61.7 million. The total \$235 million in settlement money is likely to be paid from general obligation refunding bonds.

Dallas' six police back-pay lawsuits, two tried in Rockwall County and four in Collin County, originally date back to a 1979 referendum that adjusted pay differentials between grades in sworn ranks of the police department. The plaintiffs argued that the pay differentials were to be permanent, rather than a one-time adjustment, as the city argued.

The total judgment of approximately \$235 million is manageable for the city, considering Dallas' expansive and rapidly growing tax base. The city's taxable value reached \$118.7 billion in fiscal 2018; general obligation bonds that the city plans to issue to satisfy the judgments represent a very small 0.2% of the 2018 value, which shrinks further when considering strong growth expected in fiscal 2019 from new construction and property appreciation (see Exhibit 1). While these bonds come on the heels of a very large \$1.05 billion bond package approved by voters in 2017 for various improvements across the city, the phased approach the city has historically taken with bond issuance will keep the debt burden stable.

Exhibit 1

Dallas continues to exhibit strong economic growth leading to stable debt burden despite additional debt



* Includes accreted interest and capital leases; utility debt with GO backing not included; does not include component unit debt. Fiscal 2018 is estimated based on the 2017 audit and the Series 2017 GOLT OS; fiscal 2019 is a projection assuming no additional new money bonds, \$235 million in general obligation refunding bonds and amortization of existing debt. Assumed growth of 7.22% to project fiscal 2019 assessed value per preliminary budget estimates.

Sources: Moody's Investors Service, City of Dallas audited financial statements, City of Dallas Series 2017 GO offering document

The Rockwall County district court will still need to enter a judgment to finalize the settlement and allow it to proceed as agreed by all parties. However, the council vote is a critical step in codifying the settlement agreement, which was verbally agreed to in late spring. The settlement of the four Collin County cases for \$61.7 million was incorporated into a judgment by the court on June 8, 2018, and the city has approved the sale of bonds for later this summer.

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Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 13, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Dallas Fire-Rescue Ambulance Media Inquiry**

Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) recently received a media inquiry from a local news station regarding the status of air conditioning units located in the back of some ambulances.

Three units have been identified, and subsequently placed out of service after temperatures in their rear compartments registered elevated temperatures. DFR is currently working with the vehicle and equipment manufacturers to determine the exact cause of the problem so the appropriate corrective measures can be applied.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Fire Chief, David Coatney.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Fortune".

Jon Fortune
Assistant City Manager

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 13, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Update to the Incident at Construction Site for City Wastewater Project**

This memo serves as an update to the incident that occurred on July 5, 2018, at one of our construction projects. RKM Utility Services, Inc. (RKM), was replacing an existing wastewater pipeline on Singleton Boulevard between Sea Harbor Road and Barge Lane. One RKM employee passed away after losing consciousness due to low oxygen levels in the pipeline trench. Two additional RKM employees were taken to Methodist Hospital and were released on Friday, July 6, 2018.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) was notified by the contractor and representatives arrived at the site the day of the incident. OSHA has been in contact with RKM and City staff, and conducted an investigation of the incident.

A work plan to address safety risks at the site is being prepared by RKM and will be provided to City staff for review. Construction operations will not resume until an approved work plan is in place that includes adequate safety measures. City staff will closely monitor construction activities to ensure the contractor is complying with the approved safety plan.

In addition, City staff is evaluating current safety procedures to determine if additional requirements and safeguards need to be implemented going forward.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Majed Al-Ghafry'.

Majed Al-Ghafry, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

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