

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 10, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – August 7, 2018**

## Update Items

### [School Crossing Guard Program](#)

This morning, the Dallas County Commissioners Court voted to adopt the optional \$1.50 registration fee for child safety, as allowed under Chapter 542.043 of the Texas Transportation Code. As you may recall, the Commissioner’s Court considered this item back in February. At that time, the Commissioners voted to send the issue to Dallas County voters for consideration at the November election. However, it was subsequently determined that the County did not have legal authority to take such action. So, the item was placed back on the agenda today for consideration.

With today’s vote, effective January 1, 2019 it is estimated that the City of Dallas will receive approximately \$1.2 to \$1.5 million annually from the fee. This funding, combined with the existing \$600-700K the City currently collects in Child Safety fees on parking tickets, truancy tickets, and moving violations in school zones will be used to help offset the approximately \$5 million in annual costs for the City’s school crossing guard program. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs.

### [Encampment Resolution Schedule - August 7 and 14, 2018](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 and August 14, 2018:

August 7, 2018 – Complete as of 4:00 pm	August 14, 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 600 S. Peak St (District 2)</li><li>• 600 S. Hill St (District 2)</li><li>• 2600 Louise St (District 7)</li><li>• 2600 Dawson St (District 7)</li><li>• 2929 Hickory St. (District 7)</li><li>• 2400 E. R L. Thornton Freeway (District 2)</li><li>• 1505 Griffin St. (District 2)</li><li>• 2545 Woodall Rogers Freeway (District 14)</li><li>• 1562 Woodall Rogers Freeway (District 14)</li><li>• 1200 S. St. Paul St (District 2)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9575 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway (District 10)</li><li>• Royal Lane at Central Expressway (District 11)</li><li>• 11503 Central Expressway (District 11)</li><li>• Stemmons Freeway at Royal Lane (District 6)</li><li>• Stemmons Freeway at Walnut Hill Lane (District 6)</li><li>• John W. Carpenter at Mockingbird Lane (District 6)</li><li>• Stemmons Freeway at Medical District (District 6)</li></ul>

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,

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please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services and Monica Hardman, Managing Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

## **New Items**

### [City Council Agenda Processing System](#)

The City Council agenda processing system (CAPS) is transitioning from Lotus Notes to Granicus Legistar. Phase 1 of this transition has been focused on the internal process specific to the development of agenda items and the creation of the agenda as posted for public use. The first agenda under the new CAPS will be the August 22, 2018 Council Voting Agenda, which will be posted this Friday, August 10, 2018. The look and feel of the agenda will be slightly different, however, the content and delivery will remain the same. Staff is developing communications to inform the public of the minor changes they will encounter on the new agenda.

Phase 2 will include the implementation of the external facing components of Legistar such as the iLegislate app for City Council and the online platform for future agendas. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

### [Night Court](#)

The Municipal Court system will pilot a night court beginning Tuesday, August 14, 2018. This Walk-In Court will be open Tuesday evenings until 7 p.m., to assist defendants with their cases. This new service enhancement will provide an opportunity for those persons wanting to resolve their citation(s) yet are unable to appear before a judge during the day. We look forward to serving both the residents of Dallas and others through this new option. A follow up report will be provided later this fall to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gloria Lopez Carter, Court & Detention Services Director.

### [Warrant Round-Up](#)

The City Marshal's Office of the Department of Court & Detention Services is preparing for a Warrant Round-Up next month. The press announcement will be released no later than August 24, 2018 to give individuals ample notice to voluntarily appear and/or respond to their outstanding citations. In addition, a public awareness campaign will be launched regarding the round-up that will include billboards, bus banners and signs, radio advertisements, flyers, letters, and door hangers. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gloria Lopez Carter, Court & Detention Services Director.

### [Media Inquiries](#)

As of August 6<sup>th</sup>, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Sewage Leak on Nogales Drive
- Dog Bite in Pleasant Grove
- Dallas Resilient Strategy Funding
- Northern California Carr Wildfires (DFR)

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Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the week of July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup> for your reference and in the event you are contacted by the press. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

## Look Ahead

### City Council Community Meetings

At the June 13, 2018 meeting, City Council voted to hold up to 5 of the second Wednesday City Council meetings in the calendar year outside of City Hall in the spirit of encouraging open government and public participation. Staff have developed a list of criteria to narrow down potential City facilities to host the meetings that include adequate parking, broadcast capability, ADA access, public transit accessibility, internet, and restroom facilities. The list of potential dates and facilities will be presented to City Council during its consideration of the city calendar in September. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the potential dates and facilities, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

### City Council Briefings

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

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- FY 2018-2019 and FY 2019-2020 Budget by Strategic Priority
  - o Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure and Sustainability
  - o Economic and Neighborhood Vitality
  - o Human and Social Needs
  - o Quality of Life
  - o Government Performance and Financial Management



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**Public Affairs & Outreach  
Media Requests  
July 31 – August 6**

**July 30, 2018; Ken Kalthoff, NBC 5 Reporter:** In this briefing, on page 22:  
[http://dallascityhall.com/government/Council%20Meeting%20Documents/b\\_homeless-solutions-proposed-strategy\\_combined\\_080118.pdf](http://dallascityhall.com/government/Council%20Meeting%20Documents/b_homeless-solutions-proposed-strategy_combined_080118.pdf)

Which 8 Dallas Recreation Centers are deemed not eligible?

**City Response:** The Homeless Solutions Proposed Strategy Memo located here:  
<https://dallascityhall.com/government/citymanager/Pages/council-memos.aspx> should answer your question.

**July 31, 2018; Ken Kalthoff, NBC 5 Reporter:** This apartment complex at 3514 Nogales has been running sewage into the street for days due to a plumbing problem. The landlord at Arawak Apartments says they turn the water back on each night which causes more overflow instead of leaving the water off until the leak is fixed. Relocating tenants in the meantime would be an option but the landlord says they refused to do that. Repair won't be completed today.

-Has the city been contacted about this problem?

-Is it acceptable to keep running raw sewage through parking lots and into the street when there is a way to stop it??

-is a city official available to talk on camera about this??

Please reply ASAP?

**City Response:** A Code Compliance Inspector found a break in the sewer drain line today at 3514 Nogales Drive. The sewer drain line is the responsibility of the property owner. A private plumber is on site trying to locate the clean-out and any area of pipe that is cracked/broken. The complex has turned the water off (for the daytime today) so that tenants can't flush which would cause raw sewage to escape. The Code Inspector issued a Notice of Violation for substandard structure to require repair. If the clean-out and broken pipe cannot be repaired today, the complex will be required to have a sewage truck (similar to a septic cleaning truck) connected to the drain pipe, so that tenants can have the water on and flush throughout the night. The plumber would then return tomorrow and continue working to repair the line. The apartment complex is making diligent efforts at repair and is being cooperative with the City.



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**July 31, 2018; Karen Ballesteros, Telemundo Assignment Editor:** We are working a story of Arawak Apartments at 3514 Nogales drive complaining about draining raw sewage on the streets for several days now. They have several collapsed pipes on the property and instead of addressing this with some urgency they have opened the sewer drains and are allowing the sewage to run out the breezeway into the parking lot and on to the streets to the storm sewers.

Is the city of Dallas doing anything on this?

**City Response:** Sent the same response to this inquiry as we did NBC 5

**July 31; Noreen O'Donnell, NBC News;** I've been talking to recycling experts who have told me that China was taking about 40 percent of the United States' plastics and paper – that companies in the U.S. would essentially sort and bail the material, then ship it to China. My questions:

How specially does your recycling program work? Is it single stream?

Has the Chinese ban affected your recycling program?

Where does your plastic and mixed paper go?

If your program has been affected by China's ban, how are you responding? Is your material being stockpiled? Being sent to landfills? Are you still able to pick up and dispose of the items you had been collecting?

What are you planning for long term if you know?

**City Response:**

**August 1, 2018; Mike Pool, WFAA:** As we approach the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey, do you know of any Harvey evacuees who stayed in the area and didn't return to the coast or Houston?

What has the City of Dallas learn from Harvey to be implemented for future evacuations?

**City Response: (Info provided to station by OEM)** We have not been tracking folks that might have stayed back in Dallas. However, we assume that a couple of dozen folks, if not more, have made Dallas their home.

We continue to look at ways of improving our shelter operations from lessons learnt, such as – better use of space, more effective donations management, not have multiple shelters open that taxes our resources etc.

Let us know if you have additional questions.



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**August 1, 2018; Lori Brown, FOX 4 Reporter:** Can you please direct me to where I can find the amount budgeted for Dallas Resilient City Strategy, broken down by salaries and other line items?

I would like to see the amount budgeted in 2015, 2016, 2017, and proposed 2018 fiscal years.

**City Response:** Please place an open records request.

<https://dallascityhall.com/government/citysecretary/openrecords/Pages/default.aspx>

**August 2, 2018; DMN:** Inquired about the death of an employee.

**City Response:**

This morning, a City of Dallas Department of Aviation employee suffered fatal injuries from a fall that occurred on the roof of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. The employee was making lighting repairs to FAA-required aircraft navigational aids. The City of Dallas, and the Department of Aviation, ask for your thoughts and prayers for the employee's family. Out of respect for the employee's family, we will have no further comment at this time.

**August 6, 2018; Dana Braham, Dallas Morning News:** Just left you a voicemail on your office phone -- I was curious if you might be able to help me find some more information about a dog attack that happened yesterday in the 800 block of Pleasant Woods. Would you be able to confirm that that instance occurred and how Dallas Animal Services got involved?

I'm curious if you have any details on any penalties the dog's owner might face, any injuries sustained and whether the dog had to be put down.

Thanks for any information you might be able to pass along,

**August 6, 2018; Alex Boyer, FOX 4 News:** I'm writing in reference to the dog attack that occurred on Sunday along 800 N Pleasant Woods near Big Thicket Dr. A woman was severely bitten by at least one of two bull terriers who – according to the victim's brother – got loose from a neighbor's yard.

- 1- Do you know if the owner of the dogs will be criminally charged for the attack now that city council recently approved stricter penalties for aggressive and dangerous dogs?
- 2- Do you know if the owner of the dogs has been cited before for dogs getting loose, etc?
- 3- Do you know what will happen to the dogs?



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4- Is the director of DAS available for an on-camera interview today regarding the incident?

My deadline is 3pm. My cell number is below should you need to reach me my phone.

**August 6, 2018; Dionne Anglin, FOX 4 News:** There was a dog attack Sunday afternoon on North Pleasant Woods Drive. The victim was taken to the hospital after she was severely bitten during an encounter with two dogs.

Can you help me with any updated information about this incident? What is the status of the dogs involved and will the owner face any charges given the new strengthened dangerous dog ordinance?

**August 6, 2018 Monica Hernandez/Mike Pool, WFAA:** Hello! Checking in on case #172088-2018, the dog attack yesterday around 4:30 at 800 N Pleasant Woods Drive.

Could the dog's owner face charges, and what are the circumstances that led up to the attack (was the dog a stray, did it escape it's home, etc.)

What happens to the dog now/what is the city's protocol on this?

Thanks for any information you can provide.

### **City Response to all inquiries on this story:**

On Sunday, August 5, Dallas Animal Services and Dallas Police responded to a dog bite call on the 800 block of N. Pleasant Woods. Two dogs were surrendered to Dallas Animal Services, but only one is reported to have been involved in the incident. Multiple citations were issued to the presumed owner, that include non-compliance, as well as the newly created misdemeanor bite citation for the dog that allegedly bit the person. The dogs are reported to have been brought to the address this weekend, and there is no prior animal history at the location. The person bitten appears to have a single bite wound to the calf and refused transport to the hospital at the time. We are in the process of continuing our investigation and cannot release any further information at this time.

Citations were issued for:

- Failure to spay/neuter
- Failure to microchip
- Failure to vaccinate
- Loose dog



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- Allowing a dog to bite
- Failure to report found dog

### **Dallas Police Media:**

**August 1; Fox 4, NBC 5, WFAA, CBS 11, DMN;** inquiries related to a stabbing at Park Avenue and Marilla Street

**City Response:** On July 31, 2018 at around 10:45 p.m., officers responded to the area of Park Ave and Marilla St., regarding a stabbing call. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the reporting person who stated that an unknown Black male suspect was attempting to rob a group of individuals at gunpoint, when another person walked behind the suspect and stabbed him in the chest. The suspect dropped the gun which was picked up by an unknown individual who fled the scene. The suspect was transported by Dallas Fire Rescue in critical condition. Another female was cut trying to break up the suspect and the other person, she was also transported for minor injury. This is all the information available regarding this incident. This is documented on case number 168116-2018.

**August 4; Fox 4, NBC 5, WFAA, CBS 11, DMN;** inquiries related to a shooting at 3001 Kendale Drive

**City Response:** On August 4, 2018 at approximately 2:09 a.m., patrol officers responded to 3001 Kendale Drive regarding a shooting call. Upon arrival, they located the unresponsive victim in the breezeway of apartment building that is located at 3001 Clydedale Drive. The victim was shot by an unknown suspect. Additional officers also located a juvenile, Black female 14 years of age, who had been shot multiple times by the unknown suspect. DFR arrived and pronounced the victim deceased. The juvenile was transported to Children's Medical Center for her injuries. Detectives canvassed the apartment complex and were unable to locate any witnesses or video surveillance cameras. This investigation is ongoing and there are no suspects in custody. No further information is available; this is documented on case number 170833-2018.



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department  
Media Requests: July 30, 2018 – August 5, 2018.

**Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>: All local media outlets** – Can we please have information on the two neighboring homes that caught fire this morning on Ewing Avenue? **NOTE:** Though this information was included in the previous TCB, it is being included again since it was updated with a fire cause.

**City Response:** On Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:14 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a house fire at 2429 South Ewing Avenue, in South Dallas. When firefighters arrived at the location, they observed a one-story residence with flames coming from its side. Though firefighters moved in quickly, the flames were so far advanced that they ignited the side of the neighboring home. While the neighboring home, addressed at 2425, sustained damage exclusively to the side exposed to the flames, the home of origin, at 2429, sustained significant damage; including a complete roof collapse. Both fires were ultimately extinguished, following the efforts of approximately 50 firefighters.

There were six people, 2 parents and their 4 teenage children, displaced from the neighboring home. Thankfully, they were all able to make it out safely, but the American Red Cross had to be requested to come out and assist them with their needs. Two adult males resided in the home of origin; and though it was originally believed that neither one of them was at home when the fire began, investigators were able to determine that one of them actually were.

After interviewing that occupant, and comparing his account with evidence gathered from the scene during follow-up investigation, it was determine that the fire was accidental in nature, and resulted from cooking that was left unattended on the kitchen stove near the rear corner of the home. The fire grew in size and intensity, and burned for an unknown amount of time, before ultimately revealing itself on the outside of the structure and extending to the neighboring home.

**Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>: All local media outlets** - Do you have any details about this brush fire? It sounds pretty large and like there are homes threatened...

**City Response:** At [15:43](#) Dallas Fire-Rescue units were sent out near the intersection of North Bond Avenue and West Davis Street for a grass fire.

Despite residences being in the area, they were not threatened. Firefighters utilized multiple resources, including hand lines on the ground, aerial streams from the ladder truck in addition to Booster trucks to contain the blaze.



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Command called for DPD to shut down Davis, in both directions, from Chalk Hill Road to Bond Avenue. The Box 4 Fire Buffs brought out both of their units to make sure firefighters remained hydrated, cool and fresh in order to maintain a consistent rotation of personnel for the duration of the incident.

The fire was ultimately extinguished, after the combined efforts of around 40 firefighters. There were no injuries reported, and no information on a cause.

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>: All local news outlets** – Do you have any information about the Hazardous Materials call at Fire Station 53?

**City Response:** At 13:52 Dallas Fire-Rescue's Hazardous Materials Team was dispatched to 1407 John West Road, after a man drove to Fire Station #53 with an envelope, containing an unknown white powder, he received in his mailbox.

Firefighters who just happened to be outside when the man arrived stopped him short of the station, and asked him to remain in his vehicle with the envelope.

Westbound John West Rd./Lakeland Dr. was shut down for operations, HazMat tested the substance and it turned out to be non-hazardous/a non-threat. Additionally, the man was checked out, and never showed any signs of being exposed to anything hazardous.

There was no indication of malicious intent. The man simply panicked when he opened the envelope and made the decision to bring it to the station instead of calling 911.

**Pending Media Attention** – As a result of a State of Texas Assistance Request, initiated from a request from the State of California, DFR (along with three other area fire departments) will be sending a Strike Team to assist in the suppression efforts of the Carr Wildfires of Northern California. Personnel and equipment have yet to be deployed; but once the logistics are finalized, we'll be sending out the following information to all the local media, while inviting them to our Training Center for b-roll and interview opportunities:

The State of California has reached out to the State of Texas, through the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS), for assistance in battling their wildfire outbreak in Carr. In response, the North Texas Branch of the Texas Department of Emergency Management is coordinating the deployment of a Strike Team, consisting of personnel and equipment from multiple area departments, to assist with the efforts. As part of the team, which includes fire departments from Frisco, Lewisville and Little Elm, Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) will be sending two (2) Type III Brush Trucks, one (1) tactical tender and 11 firefighters to the area just north of Sacramento. Though there is no defined time for which assistance will be needed, the initial strike team is prepared to be in place for no longer than a 16-day deployment period. If resources are required beyond the initial response, a new team will be sent in relief, for an additional 16-day period until assistance is no longer needed.



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According to California Fire officials, the Carr fire began on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, after a tractor trailer tire blew, causing sparks from the rim to ignite the blaze. Since then, the fire has grown to consume at least 221 square miles of land, destroy over 1,500 overall structures, to include 1,000 homes, and claim the lives of four civilians and two firefighters. As of Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, the fire was reported to be only 41% contained.