

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 11, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – May 8, 2018**

Update Items

[Fire Sprinkler Issues at the Statler](#)

As previously communicated on April 10th, the Dallas Morning News (DMN) submitted an interview request to Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) related to sprinkler system concerns at the Statler. In response to the statement provided, the DMN sent a list of follow up questions on a number of topics ranging from Fire Watch, to DFR Inspection and Approval, to Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy to an expected time of completion. For your convenience, I have attached the document that provides further detail regarding DFR's follow-up response to DMN. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Fire Marshal/Deputy Chief, Christopher Martinez.

[Dangerous Dog Task Force Meetings](#)

In response to community feedback, Dallas Animal Services (DAS) and the Dangerous Dog Task Force have added additional public meetings to discuss changes to current laws and administrative processes pertaining to dog attacks. The dates are as follows:

Date/Time	Location
May 8, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 pm	Glenn Heights Neighborhood Association, Clara Oliver Elementary School Library 4010 Idaho Ave
May 14, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 pm	District 7 Community Meeting, MLK Community Center, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd,
May 17, 2018 3:30 – 5:00 pm	Dallas City Hall – L1FN Auditorium 1500 Marilla St.
May 22, 2018 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Dallas Central Library – 5 th Floor (Hamon Room) 1515 Young St.
May 24, 2018 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Cedar Crest Village Neighborhood Association Lancaster/Kiest Library 2008 E. Kiest Blvd.
May 26, 2018 10:00 am – 11:30 am	Five Mile Neighborhood Association 1999 E. Camp Wisdom Rd.

Staff will provide task force recommendations to the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee in June, prior to the summer recess. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ed Jamison, Director of Animal Services.

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New Items

[United States Army Futures Command Center](#)

The United States Army is creating a new major command, called Army Futures Command, to better organize its modernization process. The city of Dallas has been identified as one of fifteen cities for consideration. The Army Futures Command headquarters is expected to bring around 500 high-skilled jobs related to technology innovation. To assist with their selection process they have requested an information package that identifies the city's particular strengths and provides granular data to help the Army refine its location analysis. A cross departmental team, along with university partners, and state and federal delegations have been working to compile and submit the requested information by the May 10th deadline. Should you have any questions or concern, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs.

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of May 7th, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Chief U. Renee Hall Swearing In Ceremony
- School Crossing Guard at Kiest Elementary
- Officer Related Shooting at Bellville Drive
- State of Texas Assistance Request (DFR)
- Patient Medical Response (DFR)

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the week of May 1st – May 7th 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 Briefings](#)

May 16, 2018

- Tree Mitigation
- Park Land Dedication

June 6, 2018

- Amendments to City Manager's Proposed FY 2018-19 Consolidated Plan Budget
- Homeless Solutions Plan
- Brush & Bulk Trash
- Dockless Bikeshare

[Dockless Bikeshare](#)

The Transportation Department has prepared two items originally scheduled to be briefed to the City Council on May 16th and presented for action on May 23rd. One of these items is related to the potential repeal of Dallas City Code Chapter 28 SEC. 28-41.1, which restricts the use of motor-assisted scooters. The other item is intended to add ordinance language to create a regulatory framework for dockless vehicles. Due to scheduling concerns, these items will now be briefed to City Council on June 6th and subsequently

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be considered for a vote on June 13th. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Rogers, Director of the Transportation Department.

[Dallas Area Partnership](#)

The Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness is scheduled on May 17, 2018 at the Erik Jonsson Central Public Library at 1:30 pm. The Partnership will receive a briefing from Corporation for Supportive Housing regarding proposed 3-year strategic plan. The Partnership will also consider establishing its priorities for the remainder of 2018 and potential alignment with recommendations from the Dallas Homeless Commission Report. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Monica Hardman, Managing Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

[Immediate Solutions Implementation Plan](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) is scheduled to present a briefing on its Immediate Solutions Implementation Plan to the Human and Social Needs Committee on May 21, 2018 and tentatively to the City Council Briefing on June 6, 2018. According to the 2018 Point-In-Time Count, on any given night, there are more than 4,100 people homeless in Dallas. Approximately 1,341 of them are unsheltered. Overall homelessness and unsheltered homelessness has increased 9% and 23% respectively since 2017. This plan will detail the four-phase process to address expanding shelter capacity, transitional, and permanent supportive housing. OHS has collaborated with the Citizen Homelessness Commission (CHC) in the development of the recommended immediate solutions and will coordinate with the Dallas Area Partnership as it relates to the development of the \$20 million Bond Program for homelessness. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services, or Monica Hardman, Office of Homeless Solutions Managing Director.

[Citywide Spring Cleanup](#)

The City is encouraging neighborhood, religious, community, school, and business groups to participate in Operation Beautification – a citywide Spring cleanup on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Registration closes on May 14, 2018. To see a list of the groups currently signed up, visit <http://bit.ly/DALLASOPB>. Groups can still register by May 14 by calling 311 or email dallas311@dallascityhall.com. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Peer Chacko, Director of Planning and Urban Design.



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**Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests**

April 30 to May 7, 2018

April 30; FOX 4, Natalie Solis; I'm doing a story today about school crossing guards at Kiest Elementary School. I understand the city will take over paying for and managing the crossing guards on August 1st.

- Can you tell me if the city plans on hiring the guards already employed by DCS?
- What's the budget for guards?
- How many does the city plan on employing?
- How many schools will be covered & what are the criteria for having guards?

City Response: The briefing from last week may be helpful for your story. I've included the link below. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

http://dallascityhall.com/government/Council%20Meeting%20Documents/pscj_4_school-crossing-guards_combined_042318.pdf

May 2; Fox 4, NBC 5, WFAA, CBS11, DMN; Inquiries related to Officer shooting at 3200 Bellville Drive

City Response: On May 2, 2018, at approximately 9:17 p.m., Dallas Police officers responded to a civil standby at the 3200 block of Bellville Drive. When officers arrived they heard gun fire coming from the residence and called for an officer assist. Swat responded to the scene and was engaged by a Black male suspect. Swat officers returned fire striking the suspect. The suspect was pronounced deceased on scene by Dallas Fire Rescue. No officers were injured during this incident. This incident is reported on case 092855-2018.

May 3; Fox 4, NBC 5, WFAA, CBS11, DMN; Inquiries related to Swearing In Ceremony of Chief Hall.

City Response: Dallas PD PIO took pictures, video, and prepared a blog post about the swearing in ceremony of Chief Hall. The information was also shared on all of the department social media sites.



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May 7; Yona Gavino / Jack Fink, CBS11; We heard The Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center may be getting privatized, and that the city would not be in charge of the convention anymore. Can you confirm if this is true, and if a private company will be taking over KBH?

City Response: To better position the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD) in a competitive industry and further increase customer satisfaction, event attendance and revenue, the City of Dallas is initiating a search for a qualified firm to provide comprehensive facility management and operation services.

City staff announced a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFCSP), which includes an opportunity for input from interested stakeholders and vendors at a preproposal conference on May 17. Proposals are asked to include a plan that seamlessly integrates existing operations and staff. The sealed proposals are due on June 28.

Following an evaluation and successful negotiation of a contract in the summer, staff anticipate briefing the City Council with a recommended vendor contract by September, and a transition to new management before the end of 2018.

The successful vendor will be responsible for the full and complete management and operation of the KBHCCD as a convention and trade show facility.



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: April 30, 2018 – May 6, 2018

April 30, 2018: Miles Moffeit, Dallas Morning News – Do you have some time to talk about the Statler Building's sprinkler system woes? Spoke with the chief earlier and he steered me to you for more details.

City Response: After he sent a list of 27 question (a number of which were referred to Open Records) DFR conveyed to him that on February 15th, during the course of a routine visit to check the progress of the project, building management made fire inspectors aware that the building's sprinkler system would be undergoing repairs, and that sections would need to be taken out of service while the repairs were made. Two floors were initially identified as needing repairs, but the Statler and the sprinkler company is proactively working to check the piping throughout the entire building. During this time period, DFR is instituting a Fire Watch, which is on-going until the projected completion date of May 18th. Information acquired by Mr. Moffeit indicated the leaks to have been caused by a negative reaction between an adhesive caulking and the CPVC piping partially used in the sprinkler system. He believed this to be something that was missed by DFR during the course of inspection and testing prior to the issuance of the building's Temporary Certificate of Occupancy; when in fact such modifications are common practice and typically made after testing has been done. DFR also advised the reporter that the system's installation was done in accordance with City of Dallas Building and Fire Codes, while also using permitted system components identified in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Guidelines (Standard 13, Section 6.3.6). All parties involved in this project, to include the Statler, the sprinkler company and the manufacturer of the adhesive caulking, among others, were given an opportunity to participate, in-person or in writing, but declined.

May 1, 2018: Ken Kalthoff and Jack Highberger, NBC5 - I'm reaching out to learn how Paramedic William An is doing a year after his injury and if he would be willing to do an interview with us.

City Response: Put Officer An in touch with the reporter and coordinated the on-camera interview at his home.

Background: On May 1, 2017, while responding to what was thought to be a suicide call, Firefighter/Paramedic, William An, and his partner Casey Ellsworth, came face-to-face with a man shooting at them with an assault rifle. Officer An

was struck twice; but quickly taken to Baylor Hospital in a DPD squad car where, after a number of life-saving interventions, he was able to survive the attack. One year later, after having undergone numerous procedures, Officer An is still on the road to recovery and looking forward rejoining his DFR family.

May 1, 2018: State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) – Need resources to help fight the wildfires in McDannald, TX

City Response: On Monday, May 1st, Dallas Fire-Rescue received a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) for resources to assist in suppression efforts of the McDannald Wildfires, located near Fort Davis, Texas. In response, DFR deployed a total of 10 personnel staffing one tactical tender (2,000 gallon water tanker with suppression ability), a Type III Brush Truck (all-wheel drive heavy attack unit with 500 gallon water tank) and a Command vehicle (Large SUV). As of Sunday, May 6th, the fire had burned approximately 20,000 acres, and is 39% contained. Though the deployment time is subject to change, latest expectations would have our members returning home on May 18th. Spirits are high and there have been no reported injuries to any of DFR's members.