

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 2, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – October 30, 2018**

Update Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – October 30, 2018 and November 6, 2018](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 and November 6:

October 30, 2018 – Complete as of 4:00 pm	November 6, 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 600 S. Peak St. (District 2)• 500 S Hill Ave. (District 2)• 1700 Chestnut St. (District 2)• 2929 Hickory St. (District 2)• 2600 Louise St (District 2)• 2600 Dawson St (District 2)• South Blvd at Harwood St (District 7)• 500 N. Central Expressway (District 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ferguson Rd. at Interstate 30 (District 7)• Skillman St at Northwest Highway (District 9)• Stemmons Freeway at Southwell Rd (District 6)• Stemmons Freeway at Royal Lane (District 6)• John W. Carpenter Freeway at Mockingbird Ln. (District 6)• Stemmons Freeway at Medical District Dr. (District 6)

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, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer or Monica Hardman, Managing Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

New Items

[Red, White, and You! Veterans Job Fair and Resources Event](#)

Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative, and the City of Dallas are partnering to connect Texas veterans with local employers at the 7th annual Red, White, and You! Job Fair event on Thursday November 8th. This event will be hosted at Gilley's Dallas (1135 S. Lamar St., Dallas, Texas) where more than 150 employers representing over 11,000 jobs will be onsite reviewing applications between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

This event is open to the public with a special emphasis on providing employment opportunities and information regarding services to veterans, their families, caregivers, and those in local faith communities working closely with veterans and looking to receive additional training for attending specifically to veterans' needs. In addition to the

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job fair, those who attend will have the opportunity to attend a plenary breakfast at 8:30 a.m. with guest speakers from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Following the breakfast, the VA will be hosting a variety of breakout sessions between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to address issues veterans face including: suicide prevention and mental health, survivor benefits, veteran disability, E-benefits, and more.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs.

Community Meeting for Feedback on Single Family Rental Program

Code Compliance will host community meetings to receive feedback on the Single-Family Rental Program. Staff anticipate the participation of property owners, property management companies, tenants, industry associations and the general public. Please note that there have been adjustments made to the original meeting schedule. The meetings will be publicized by the Office of Public Affairs & Outreach, the Code Compliance website and social media outlets, and through direct emails to registered family rental property owners and other stakeholders who participated in the amendment process. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lynetta Kidd, Interim Code Compliance Director.

Upcoming meetings are as follows:

Date	Time	Location	District
October 30, 2018	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Umphress Recreation Center	District 5
November 1, 2018	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dallas West Library	District 6
November 5, 2018	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Highland Hills Branch Library	District 8
November 12, 2018	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center	District 3
November 13, 2018	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center	District 7
November 19, 2018	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Janie C. Turner Recreation Center	District 8

Developer Listening Sessions

The Office of Homeless Solutions will host a second Developer Listening Sessions on October 31, 2018 from 3:00 p.m-4:00 p.m to gather feedback on the 2017 Bond funds. The Listening Sessions will take place at the Meadows Conference Center at 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, TX 75204. The feedback received will be considered by OHS staff during the creation of Notice of Funding Availability, which is a competitive RFP. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Monica Hardman, Managing Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

Media Inquiries

As of October 29th, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

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- Illegal Dumping Complaints
- DWU Inquiries related to Austin's Water Issues
- Margaret McDermott Bridge
- DFR Battles 4-Alarm Blaze

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the week of October 23rd – October 29th 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

November 6, 2018

- 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan
- Assessment of Fair Housing Next Steps
- North Texas Regional Assessment of Fair Housing Report
- Dallas Cultural Plan
- Proposed Program for the 86th Session of the Texas Legislature



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**City of Dallas
Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
Oct. 23 - 29**

Oct. 23; Mike Pool, WFAA; Is the City of Dallas sending water to Austin to help on the boil water issue? If so, how much, when, etc.?

City Response: No, the City will not be providing water to Austin.

Oct. 23; Keenan Willard, CNN; Synopsis of question: Wants information about the Motorized Scooters and Dockless Vehicles. Specifically, information on planning management, current policies & problems, solutions, and future plans.

City Response: Below you will find a synopsis of dockless vehicles in Dallas:

In June 2018 the Dallas City Council adopted the dockless vehicle ordinance which set in place operational guidelines and a fee structure for companies wanting to operate in Dallas. During this action the City Council also temporarily amended a pre-existing ordinance that banned the use of motor-assisted scooters in the City of Dallas. The temporary amendment allowed scooter operators a six-month trial period that will sunset in December 2018 unless the City Council acts to extend it. The Dallas City Council was recently briefed on this item and will take this item up for consideration at a Council meeting in November.

Since the bike companies entered the market in the summer/fall of 2017, the primary issues experienced in Dallas were overcrowding of bikes, improper parking/deployment, and bikes left in the same location for extended periods of time without being used or rebalanced. City staff began working with downtown stakeholders to develop parking strategies. As a result, parking boxes and corrals were installed as a test in the core of downtown. Initial results were positive as companies began deploying their bikes in those locations and users would park them there when finished with their ride. During the spring of 2018 the overall situation began to improve as the size of the bicycle fleet was reduced and there were greater rates of compliance from the bike share operators. The issues seemed to resolve themselves once the City Council adopted the ordinance because three vendors left the market and the remaining vendors significantly reduced their bicycle fleets. Some vendors began also deploying scooters and new scooter operators entered the market.

The scooters have been very successful in Dallas with ridership rates far exceeding those of the bikes. Complaints received from citizens are far fewer than with the bikes, and City staff are monitoring the situation to address concerns before they become problems. Specifically looking at where and how the scooters are deployed/parked, ensuring they are not blocking sidewalks or causing some other hazard, etc. Staff is also working on public service announcements and signage to educate users proper riding and parking practices. Staff is also exploring the engagement of a third party to assist with data auditing and ordinance enforcement.

Oct. 24; Jesus Jimenez, Dallas Morning News; I wanted to see if you could put me in touch or get a statement someone at the City of Dallas to talk about Dallas' water supply.

Is Dallas at any risk for a water shortage like the one Austin is experiencing?
And also is the city of Dallas doing or planning to do something to assist the city of Austin?



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City Response: The City of Dallas is not supporting the City of Austin at this time. Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) has a treatment capacity of 900 million gallons a day, across three plants in the area. Like other utilities, DWU continues to make significant investments in the system to provide and sustain services vital to the health and safety of Dallas citizens and our customers. DWU develops and adheres to site-specific emergency action plans and integrated contingency plans to address emergency events.

Follow up: Would you be able to confirm whether there is a risk for water contamination in Dallas at this time?

Response: We don't know all the details or the circumstances behind Austin's situation. We can't comment on their situation or compare the capabilities our two systems.

Oct. 24; Christopher Crosby, Law 360; I'm a reporter for Law360 inquiring whether the city has any comment on today's ruling from the fifth circuit reviving Three Expo's suit against Dallas over the Exxotica event.

City Response: The city has no comment.

Oct. 25; Hannah Everman, NBC 5; inquiry related to a vote on a proposed observation wheel

City Response: here is a breakdown of the vote yesterday:

Agenda Item 70 was approved but amended adding a completion bond to the item.

The vote was as follows:

FAVOR: Rawlings, Medrano, Callahan, Atkins, Clayton, McGough, Kleinman, Gates (8)

AGAINST: Griggs, Felder, Greyson, Kingston (4)

Absent When Vote Taken: Thomas, Narvaez (2)

Oct. 25; Lori Brown, Fox 4; Can you please tell me what the next step is with the McDermott Pedestrian Bridge? When will repairs begin? What is the cause of the delay on repairs? Thank you.

City Response: Please see the City's statement below:

Consistent with a briefing to the Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee in August, City staff are working with all parties to evaluate potential next steps, and expect to brief Council before the end of the year. At this time, it's too early to speculate exact dates, as staff, the contractor and Engineer of Record are still developing pricing and schedules.

Oct. 25; Demond Fernandez, WFAA; I want to give you a heads-up about a story I'm tackling today.

Pastor Rhodes at Abraham Missionary Baptist says his deacons have been complaining to city code workers about large pile of illegally dumped furniture on the street next to the church. They



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say it's on city property, blocking the curb, and spilling into street. Deacon says city workers told him they can't remove it if there is no address associated with it.

The pile is on 300 blk of E. McVey. They say it's been out here for more than one month. You can imagine, the emergent rain is only making the issue worse.

During recent budget and town hall meetings the city's Chief of Staff advised residents there is a code enforcement pilot initiative in the works, where crews would be actively visiting known and frequently reported hot spots. What's the status of that initiative?

How soon could city workers visit this neighborhood to survey and remove the pile of furniture.

By the way...neighbors are bringing my attention to other piles of garbage and furniture along the same street.

I've attached some photos of the pile of garbage outside of the church.

I'm doing a story about it in today's 6pm newscast.

Thanks for your time and attention.

City Response: Please see the City's statement below:

The Department of Code Compliance has Nuisance Abatement teams clearing the reported debris at the church, and additionally at four locations on Alabama and Arizona Avenues. Code Compliance inspectors make regular visits to this area to proactively address these concerns. When residents report these concerns, that will bring it to inspectors' attention even sooner. The City reminds all residents to report issues such as litter, debris or substandard structures by calling 311, using the OurDallas app, or the [311 website](#).

To address the report of needing an address: Sanitation workers pick up bulk trash from addresses associated with a water bill, and Code Compliance will clean up dumped debris with or without an address.



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Media Requests: October 22 – 28 (29), 2018.

Tuesday, October 23rd: All local news outlets – Can we please have more information on a multiple alarm fire you're responding to on East Grand Avenue?

City Response: At 15:42 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a structure fire at the Bluffs on Lakewood Apartments, located at 7510 East Grand Avenue, in the Lakewood area of Dallas.

When first responding companies arrived at the scene, they observed flames coming from the roof of a large three-story apartment building.

Residents had self-evacuated the building mostly by the time units arrived. Firefighters initially moved in for an offensive attack, but later pulled out and assumed a defensive posture. In all, nearly 90 firefighters worked tirelessly to bring the flames under control in just under a couple of hours.

Approximately 33 units were rendered uninhabitable as a result of varying degrees of fire, smoke and/or water damage. The damage displaced an unspecified number of residents, but the American Red Cross responded to assist with their needs. Thankfully there were no injuries reported as a result of the fire, and apartment management reported they could accommodate displaced tenants both on-site and at sister properties.

The cause of the fire is undetermined.

Monday, October 29th: All local news outlets – Can we have more information on a US&R call the department is responding to on West Jefferson Boulevard?

City Response: At 11:48 a.m. Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a home at the 2800 block of West Jefferson Boulevard after a homeowner, attempting to trim trees in front of his house, made contact with a high voltage wire and was electrocuted. Units arrived on the scene to find the man still positioned on top of the lift, he was using to access the trees, unresponsive.

After contacting Oncor to ensure the lines were no longer hot, the lift as lowered to the ground, where medics confirmed the 44 year-old man deceased, before the Medical Examiner's Office responded and took custody of the body.



DEVELOPER LISTENING SESSIONS

We Need Your Input!

THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU AS THE CITY DRAFTS THE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) FOR 2017 BOND FUNDS. THESE ARE CAPITAL FUNDS THAT MAY BE USED FOR PROGRAMS TARGETING SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

SESSION 1
OCTOBER 30, 2018
10:00AM-11:00AM

SESSION 2
OCTOBER 31, 2018
3:00PM-4:00PM

MEADOWS CONFERENCE CENTER 2900 LIVE OAK
(OAK CORNER ROOM) DALLAS, TX 75204

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