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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, June 10, 2013

Convened: 11:13 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:34 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, **Chair**
Carolyn Davis
Sandy Greyson
Delia Jasso
Sheffie Kadane, **Vice Chair**

Executive Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager
Chief of Police David O. Brown, DPD
Assistant Chief Tom Lawrence, DPD
Major Michael Coleman, DPD

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee Chair Medrano called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:13 a.m., Monday, June 10, 2013 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for May 13, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Sheffie Kadane**
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Delia Jasso**
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Camping Regulation**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Tom Lawrence, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation:

- Explain the need for a proactive effort to address potential issues arising from public gatherings and events on designated public property owned/controlled by the city

The goal of Camping Regulation:

- Enhance public safety associated with camping on public property with improved law enforcement tools

The history of Camping Regulation:

- Currently, there is limited regulation of camping on city owned/controlled property
 - Section 32-1 of City Code prohibits overnight camping on park property without a special permit
- Has led to confusion in the case of spontaneous encampments

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- People hanging out on vacant lots and sleeping
- Criminal trespass, where do the people go?
- Cost of special permit and the process
- Does the park department have the ability to put restrictions on the permitting process?
- Applicant rules and special restrictions apply to everyone?
- How do you distinguish encampments and the number of people?
- State number of people in ordinance
- Open containers at public parks
- People standing in line purchasing tickets
- Protestors
- Health hazards (unsanitary conditions)
- Oral/written warning before enforcement
- Person will be given one hour to remove the temporary shelter and any other personal property
- How long will citizens have to pick up their property?
- Explanation of a defense where express city authorization/permit is obtained
- Explanation that requires oral/written warning before enforcement

Motion made by Councilmember Kadane to accept and recommend the Camping Regulation to full council for approval on the June 26, 2013 agenda. Councilmember Jasso seconded the motion and it passed. Councilmember Davis and Greyson voted in opposition.

4. **Dallas Police Crime Report**

Presenter: Chief of Police David O. Brown, Dallas Police Department

Police Chief Brown provided the committee with a progress report of the Police Department in crime.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Rapes/Robberies
- Educational source for rape victims
- Presbyterian program at 12 month period
- Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Behavior analysis on rapist
- Reporting change on crime statistics
- Public awareness as it relates to aggravated assault
- Age of offenders

5. **Measurable Enforcement Targeting Repeat Offenders (METRO) Task Force**

Presenter: Major Michael Coleman, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation:

- Describe its mission
- Describe how the M.E.T.R.O Task Force was formed, its make-up and selection process
- Describe the strategies currently being implemented
- Describe recent successes

Measurable Enforcement Targeting Repeat Offenders (METRO) Task Force goals are:

- Reduce Crime Rate for the tenth consecutive year
- Provide a flexible response to address dynamic crime trends
- Deploy uniformed and covert officers using real time intelligence
- Assist with call answering to help reduce response times

Summary:

- M.E.T.R.O. is unique squad consisting of both uniformed and covert officers that is responsive, highly adaptable and sustainable to disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises
- M.E.T.R.O. compliments patrol and investigators by leveraging limited resources to get “most bang for the buck”
- M.E.T.R.O. networks with outside agencies to share intelligence and combat crime trends and transit offenders

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Number of people in squad
- Demographics of officers on squad
- Tracking on the number of arrestees that are actually being released quickly
- Do the M.E.T.R.O. Task Force work with community courts/prosecutors
- Do transit offenders work with D.A.R.T.?
- Age of cases?
- Do covert officers work a specific area?
- Crime rate decreased citywide by 4.4% as of May 14, 2012
- Partnership with Greyhound bus station
- Outstanding domestic violence warrants

6. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Item Memos for June 12, 2013**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

- Authorize and Interlocal Agreement with the Tarrant County District Attorney, the Anderson County District Attorney, Texas Office of the Attorney General, and Tarrant County Sheriff Department for Equitable Sharing of Asset Seizures and Forfeiture under Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures

Motion made by Councilmember Jasso to accept the upcoming council agenda item and recommend it to full council for approval on the June 12, 2013 agenda. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

- Authorize a Three-Year Master Agreement for Uniforms and Alterations Services

Motion made by Councilmember Greyson to accept the upcoming council agenda item and recommend it to full council for approval on the June 12, 2013 agenda. Councilmember Kadane seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

7. **Administrative (Police) Reports (Informational Memo)**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Gloria Perez, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There were no recommendations for this item.

The June 10, 2013 Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Sheffie Kadane, Chair
Public Safety Committee

ATTEST:

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee