

# Human and Social Needs Committee Meeting Record

Meeting Date: Monday, August 21, 2017

Convened: 11:06 A.M. Adjourned: 12:33 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member Casey Thomas, II, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano, Vice Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway  
Council Member Omar Narvaez  
Council Member Mark Clayton  
Council Member B. Adam McGough

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Staff Present:

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes from the August 10, 2017 Human and Social Needs Committee Meeting

Presenter(s): Council Member Casey Thomas, II, Chair  
Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):  
A motion was made to approve the August 10, 2017 minutes.

Motion made by: CM Clayton  
Item passed unanimously:   
Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: DMPT Medrano, Vice Chair  
Item passed on a divided vote:   
Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Budget Discussion on FY 2017-18

Presenter(s): Council Member Casey Thomas, II, Chair  
Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):  
CM Thomas recommends sending all amendments to him offline.

Motion made by:  
Item passed unanimously:   
Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:  
Item passed on a divided vote:   
Item failed on a divided vote:

3. Youth Commission Update

Presenter(s): MPT Caraway/Mary Orsak, Youth Commission Dist. 13  
Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):  
CM Clayton suggests to change the narrative by encouraging youth on why it is important to vote and to have their own voice. CM McGough wants to see youth more at budget town hall and bond meetings. He would like the Youth Commission to encourage the youth to be more engaged with the discussions. He also recommends getting the Mayor's Rising Star Group and Youth Commission together.

**Motion made by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**4. Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs Overview**

**Presenter(s):** Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Director of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

DMPT Medrano says as a city we are behind on reaching out to the immigrant community and suggests the Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs get things started. The immigrant community wants to know their rights in regards to SB4. He suggests conducting town hall meetings and informationals similar to the ones held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Eastfield Pleasant Grove Campus, September 9<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> at Bachman.

CM Narvaez would like for this office to show the citizens that educating and protecting them is a priority. He also suggests reaching out to senior citizens and LGBT immigrants. He can introduce the office to the Rainbow LULAC and LGBT Coalition on Aging.

**Motion made by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**5. Office of Community Care Overview**

**Presenter(s):** Cheritta Johnson, Interim Director of Office of Community Care/Cobbie Ransom, Senior Affairs Administrator/Pamela Jones, Manager of Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

CM Thomas recommends working with CM Felder and CM Narvaez to conduct a focus group with those active in their neighborhoods to see what they feel would be beneficial for the MLK and West Dallas Multipurpose Centers. He also suggests inviting the neighborhood associations and churches to monthly meetings so they will also be able to get information out to the constituents and congregation. CM Thomas wants a list of the agencies housed at MLK and West Dallas Community Centers to be given to council.

CM Thomas suggests that more transportation like Real Time be done by outside services opposed to our local firefighters. He also questions how are seniors aware this transportation is available. Cobbie answered this is the first year it is being outsourced, but seniors are made aware through internal and external sources such as libraries, parks, the Senior Affairs Commission, AARP, Parkland and more. CM Thomas would like a copy of the Real Time Transport contract.

CM Clayton encourages reaching out to the faith based organizations within a 5-square mile radius to help provide the information for services conducted in that area. CM Medrano would like to know how many seniors have the city committed to hiring. He suggests we should lead by example and hire seniors.

**Motion made by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**6. Upcoming Human and Social Needs Agenda Item(s)**

**Presenter(s):** CM Casey Thomas, II

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

CM Thomas would like to hear an update on Resilience.

**7. Upcoming City Council Action Item(s)**

**Presenter(s):** Charletra Sharp, Interim Director of Office of Homeless Solutions/Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

A motion was made to move the August 23rd upcoming agenda items forward with recommendation to full Council for approval.

Information about the upcoming items was included in the briefing materials.

**Motion made by:** CM Clayton

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Narvaez

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Casey Thomas, II, Chair  
Human and Social Needs Committee

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Zenae Palmer, Coordinator  
Human and Social Needs Committee