

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 12, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Pioneer Cemetery Encampment**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council with an update on the Pioneer Cemetery & Park encampment next steps and a resolution concerning all encampments on Parks land.

Next Steps

Normal response time for an encampment on Parks land is 72 hours. As this was not an existing encampment but an unsanctioned protest, OHS spent 2 1/2 days offering the above services and served notice to vacate with a verbal 24 hour timeline at 1pm on March 11th, 2021. It was also communicated that protesters were welcome during park hours but not after close, with cemetery hours taking precedence (park hours are from 5am to 11pm and cemetery hours are “one-half hour before official sunrise, Central Standard Time, until one-half hour after official sundown, Central Standard Time, daily.”)

DPD, Parks, and OHS were on site starting at noon today, March 12th, 2021, for removal of the site at 1pm. Several residents removed their belongings prior to the 1pm deadline while others continued to pack their items while a final notice to vacate was issued by the OHS street outreach team, accompanied by DPD. At that time, several protesters stepped in, escalating the situation. DPD took over to enforce the encampment removal with Parks coming in to clean the site afterwards. Only four tents needed to be removed, with all others cleared by residents.

Through OHS’ direction to area resources, 12 residents received rapid response COVID-19 testing, 15 received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 2 went into emergency shelter, and 2 were provided resources for gaining an ID at the Stewpot this coming week. Notably, one of the 2 ID applicants, was a Mr. Henderson, familiar to the OHS team and interviewed on Fox News during the encampment about needing an ID.

As of this evening, the park and cemetery have been cleared and cleaned and it has been reiterated to protesters that they are welcome to occupy the site(s) until closing. DPD officers remain posted to guard against any future attempts at establishing an encampment.

Resolution on Park Encampments

All encampments on Parks land pose a health and safety risk due to the high traffic in these publicly utilized areas. Therefore, it is in accordance with the encampment resolutions memo released by the City that they be removed. Per CDC guidelines,

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housing via shelter services will continue to be offered to all encampment residents by OHS. Sites will be addressed by Parks and OHS in order of magnitude, decided by location, size, and issues unique to the individual areas.

The Office of Homeless Solutions will continue to keep the City Council apprised of any actions with daily updates and talking points as needed.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Crossley, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions or Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager, CMO.



T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

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SUBJECT Botham Jean Street Renaming Ceremony

On Saturday, March 27, the City of Dallas will commemorate the renaming of the stretch of South Lamar Street between Interstate 30 and South-Central Expressway to Botham Jean Boulevard.

The City is pleased to be joined with the family of Botham Shem Jean to honor him in a special ceremony and sign unveiling at 12:00 p.m. in front of the Canvas Hotel, 1325 S Lamar St, Dallas, Texas 75215. Due to current emergency ordinance regulations, the special ceremony will be livestreamed to the public via regular streaming channels. The special ceremony will be followed by a private reception at the Canvas Hotel and a private cocktail reception at the African American Museum for invited guests only.

In person attendance will be for members of the Jean family, area elected officials, and other special friends of the family. An electronic invitation was distributed this week, as well as a public announcement for social media share.

A City Council van will be available at the L1 green garage entrance for Councilmembers, departing at 10:45 a.m. Your event access credentials will be provided to you at that time for attendance at the ceremony, luncheon, and reception.

Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday, March 24.

Should you have any questions, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of the Mayor and City Council Office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Kimberly Bizer Tolbert'.

Kimberly Bizer Tolbert
Chief of Staff to the City Manager

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SUBJECT **Possible Funding for Dallas Police Department**

During last Tuesday's Public Safety Committee meeting, Councilmember Arnold stated she had reached out to the City Manager regarding potential funding sources for the Dallas Police Department (DPD). Please find our responses for your reference below.

1. What is the protocol for establishing a Public Safety Obligation bond for the next bond cycle?

The City may use General Obligation (GO) bonds to pay for capital improvements, including police and fire facilities, but may not use GO bonds for non-capital expenses. We have confirmed with outside bond counsel that "bonds may not be used to pay operating costs, including public safety."

2. How much revenue could the City capture from an additional one-eighth percent sales tax?

The sales tax rate in Dallas is 8.25 percent, of which the state retains 6.25 percent and distributes one percent to the City and one percent to Dallas Area Rapid Transit. We are at the maximum rate allowed by state law. In FY 2019-20, our actual sales tax receipts were \$310.7 million. One-eighth of this would be \$38.8 million. However, absent a legislative change, no additional sales tax is authorized. The City Council already budgets sales tax receipts for General Fund services, including DPD. Budgeting more sales tax revenue for DPD would only divert it from other General Fund services.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to me or Jack Ireland, Director of Budget and Management Services.

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M. Elizabeth Reich
Chief Financial Officer

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TO The Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

SUBJECT **Public Facilities and Outdoor Events**

As you know, effective March 10, 2021, Governor Abbott has ended the statewide mask mandate and rescinded most of his prior COVID executive orders, allowing for 100% capacity in businesses and establishments under Executive Order GA-34.

This memorandum provides an update on City public facilities and outdoor events – including recreation centers and events, libraries, cultural centers, the Kay Bailey Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD) and Office of Special Events, and Dallas Animal Services - consistent with the Return-to-Work Phase III Implementation Update memorandum provided to City Council on March 5, 2021.

There is no change in operations for indoor public facilities due to the Governor's action and we are maintaining all safety precautions, including closures and limited operations. We are planning for expanded operations with restrictions for public health in the coming weeks, provided that Dallas County's COVID-19 Risk Level is improving. Additional details for indoor public facilities are summarized in this memorandum.

For outdoor events that require a special event permit, event planners and applicants are being notified to submit applications with details about measures to protect public health and safety. Due to the required time necessary to review applications, we anticipate that events will not likely be permitted before the next 30 to 45 days.

Park & Recreation

The department has continued with modified operations throughout the pandemic.

- *Indoor Facilities*
 - Masks **are** required while visiting any indoor recreation facility
- *Golf/Tennis*
 - Masks are **not** required while playing
- *Outdoor Athletics*
 - Masks are **not** required when actively engaged in a sport
 - Social distancing is encouraged
- *Parks and Trails*
 - Masks are **not** required
 - Social distancing is encouraged

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- *Department Sponsored Special Events*
 - Will continue with “contactless” events (drive thru or virtual)
- *Private Reservations @ specialty rental facilities* (Big Thicket, Winfrey Point)
 - 100% occupancy is permissible
- *Partner Organizations/Contract Management*
 - Occupancy levels to be determined by partner

Dallas Public Library

The Library will continue its robust online programming and curbside Library to Go service for pick-up of materials at all locations. Once Phase III is implemented, we will open for limited indoor services, including computer use by appointment, research at the Central Library by appointment and collection browsing only with a ‘GrabNGo’ model, utilizing the self-check machines to check out. There will be no indoor programming for groups and meeting rooms will not be available for use.

KBHCCD

The KBHCCD received its Global Bio-Risk Advisory Council (GBAC) accreditation in September 2020 and will continue to follow these established protocols until further notice. Under these protocols, any event leasing the facility will be required to:

- submit an infectious disease mitigation plan and respond to requests for amendments from KBHCCD building staff
- continue to wear facial coverings at all times where social distancing cannot be maintained
- comply with social distancing in all confined spaces (i.e., restrooms and queuing lines) with the understanding that social distancing guidelines will not be used as a basis for overall occupancy calculations within the building.

Meeting room and ballroom capacities will be limited to 50% capacity. Exhibit hall occupancy will be limited to 50% occupancy as calculated based on the type of room set required by each particular event.

Convention and Event Services staff and Spectra Venue Management will continually review these requirements and modify them as necessary based on positive or negative changes in countywide infection and hospitalization rates.

Office of Cultural Affairs

Currently, the Office of Arts and Culture manages four neighborhood cultural centers and two large venues, The Majestic Theater and the Moody Performance Hall.

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All of these facilities are currently closed for normal visitor operations; however, they are still supporting the artists and organizations that use them. The cultural centers have gallery shows and allow in-person attendance by appointment only. All four are presenting gallery shows for Arts Month in April.

The larger venues have been used frequently for nonprofit groups to record virtual performances, and all groups must mask and many have strict testing protocols for their artists in place as well. The outdoor spaces (LCC Plaza, Moody green spaces, etc.) are being used more than ever.

Slowly, OAC is planning to begin in-person, indoor performances in May. Capacity will initially be reduced to level of approximately ~30% of full capacity to allow for social distancing. Capacity will slowly ramp up as Dallas County's health metrics improve. All City venues will continue to require masking, social distancing, and all best practice hygiene protocols already in place.

Additionally, at this time, all of the arts management partners who operate City facilities (DMA, ATTPAC, Music Hall, etc.) are all also adhering to masks and social distancing protocols. No plans to open to 100% of capacity have been announced.

Dallas Animal Services

Dallas Animal Services (DAS) has expanded operations to include daily outdoor adoption events under the pavilion in front of its shelter at 1818 North Westmoreland Road and is increasing offsite adoption events at its North Dallas PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center at 16821 North Coit Road. Additionally, DAS is again hosting outdoor low-cost vaccination clinics with its nonprofit community partners at its Westmoreland facility. DAS' Field Unit is currently evaluating service request types to determine which additional types can safely receive an in-person Animal Services Officer response in the coming weeks. For more details on outdoor adoption and vaccination events, please visit www.BeDallas90.org or follow Dallas Animal Services on Facebook.



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SUBJECT **Dallas Water Utilities - Winter Storm System Update**

During Fiscal Year 2020, DWU repaired nearly 1,100 main breaks, averaging about 3 repairs per day. Between February 15 and February 23, we identified 324 main breaks, an average of 36 main breaks per day.

DWU's three-year average water usage for February is 270 million gallons per day. The average water usage for the week of February 15, was 564 million gallons per day. A peak of 686 million gallons occurred on February 18. The last time DWU's consumption was equal to or exceeded this peak was August 7, 2003.

During the course of the Winter 2021 Storm, DWU's Meter Services staff responded to over 3,000 customer requests to cut water off at their meter due to burst pipes so they could begin initiating repairs.

Although, it is too early for a full accounting of costs, in order to maintain 100% regulatory compliance, DWU had approximately 270 employees working around the clock throughout the winter storm and we spent approximately \$1.4 million in contractor support.

In reviewing the math for customers, as an example of the impact of dripping water, if a residential customer dripped 0.5 gallons per minute for 24 hours a day for up to 5 days, that would be 3,600 gallons. Depending on the rate tier of usage, protecting their pipes from bursting during the freeze could result in an additional charge that could range from \$14.58 to \$39.17.

By Charter, Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) is required to charge for water usage. While we are not making adjustments to charges for water use to keep pipes from freezing, we are taking several actions to assist our customers as follows:

- We are excluding the storm period in February from our Winter Months Average calculation. Residential customers are billed for wastewater service based on either their actual water consumption or their Winter Months Average (WMA), whichever is smaller. That calculation is a 30-day average of water use for the months of December through March. So as not to skew their individual WMA upwards, we are excluding the February storm period from the calculation. The WMA goes into effect as of April 1 and is updated annually. This will remove any impacts from February 2021 water use to protect pipes from that calculation for the following twelve months.

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- We are processing leak adjustments for customers who experienced burst pipes or needed repairs related to the storm. Although water use is not forgiven, it is charged at the lowest rate of \$1.88 per 1,000 gallons (residential).
- We are still not charging late fees or processing disconnects to assist our customers from impacts of the pandemic. As always, if a customer is in need, we will work on a payment plan that is affordable.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



Terry Lowery
Director, Dallas Water Utilities

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SUBJECT **Sales Tax Receipts**

The January 2021 sales tax receipts from the State Comptroller's Office are \$24.5 million, which represent a 9.4 percent decrease in total collections compared to the same reporting period last year. Over the most recent 12 months, sales tax receipts have decreased by 6 percent.

- January 2020 actual \$27,074,542
- January 2021 budget \$22,334,940
- January 2021 actual \$24,532,918

The Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent economic crisis continue to affect sales tax, however, the situation has improved. The January receipts are \$2.2 million better than budget and \$13.1 million better than budget for the fiscal year thus far. Sales tax receipts continue to exceed budgeted amounts, therefore we have revised our forecast in the December 2020 Budget Accountability Report. For the full fiscal year, we budgeted \$296.3 million; the revised forecast now totals \$312.6 million, an increase of \$16.3 million. We will continue to monitor sales tax receipts with our economist, Dearmon Analytics, LLC, and we will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your support. Please contact me with any questions.

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Chief Financial Officer

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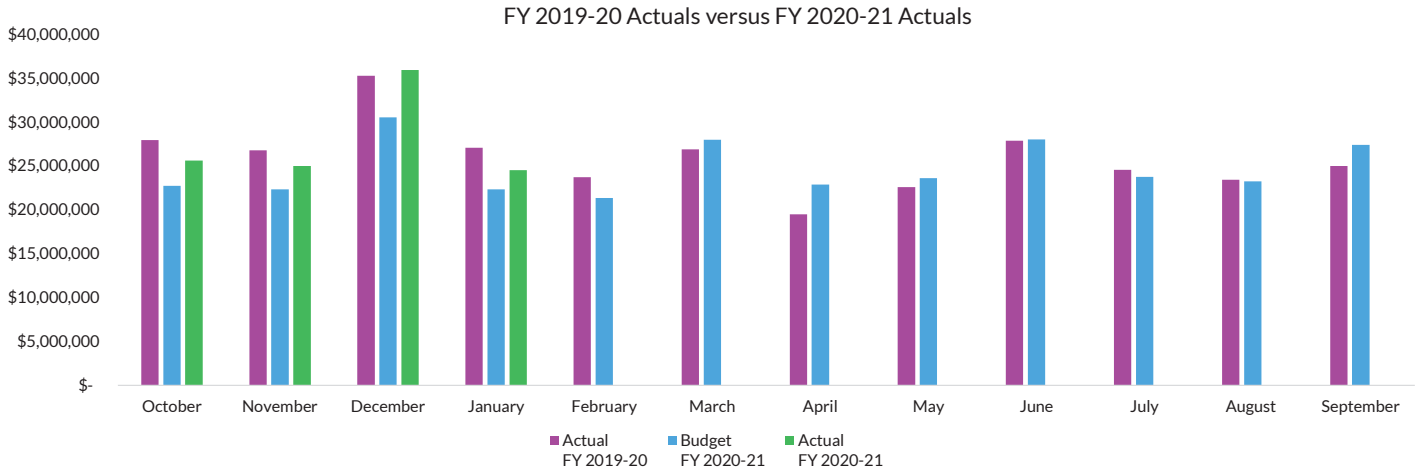
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Sales Tax

as of January 2021

Month	Actual FY 2019-20	Budget FY 2020-21	Actual FY 2020-21	YTD Variance FY 2020- 21 Actuals versus FY 2019-20 Actuals (\$)	YTD Variance FY 2020- 21 Actuals versus FY 2019-20 Actuals (%)	FY 2020-21 Actuals versus Budget (\$)	FY 2020-21 Actuals versus Budget (%)
October	\$ 27,942,608	\$ 22,757,735	\$ 25,607,902	\$ (2,334,706)	-8.4%	\$ 2,850,167	12.5%
November	\$ 26,805,867	\$ 22,339,564	\$ 25,010,956	\$ (1,794,911)	-6.7%	\$ 2,671,392	12.0%
December	\$ 35,274,527	\$ 30,546,181	\$ 35,927,004	\$ 652,477	1.8%	\$ 5,380,823	17.6%
January	\$ 27,074,542	\$ 22,334,940	\$ 24,532,918	\$ (2,541,624)	-9.4%	\$ 2,197,978	9.8%
February	\$ 23,738,211	\$ 21,368,002					
March	\$ 26,900,241	\$ 27,992,061					
April	\$ 19,483,347	\$ 22,902,432					
May	\$ 22,615,759	\$ 23,621,251					
June	\$ 27,891,265	\$ 28,031,574					
July	\$ 24,568,195	\$ 23,753,049					
August	\$ 23,433,307	\$ 23,262,607					
September	\$ 25,009,630 ¹	\$ 27,414,969					
Total	\$ 310,737,499	\$ 296,324,365	\$ 111,078,780	\$ (6,018,764)	-5.1%	\$ 13,100,360	13.4%

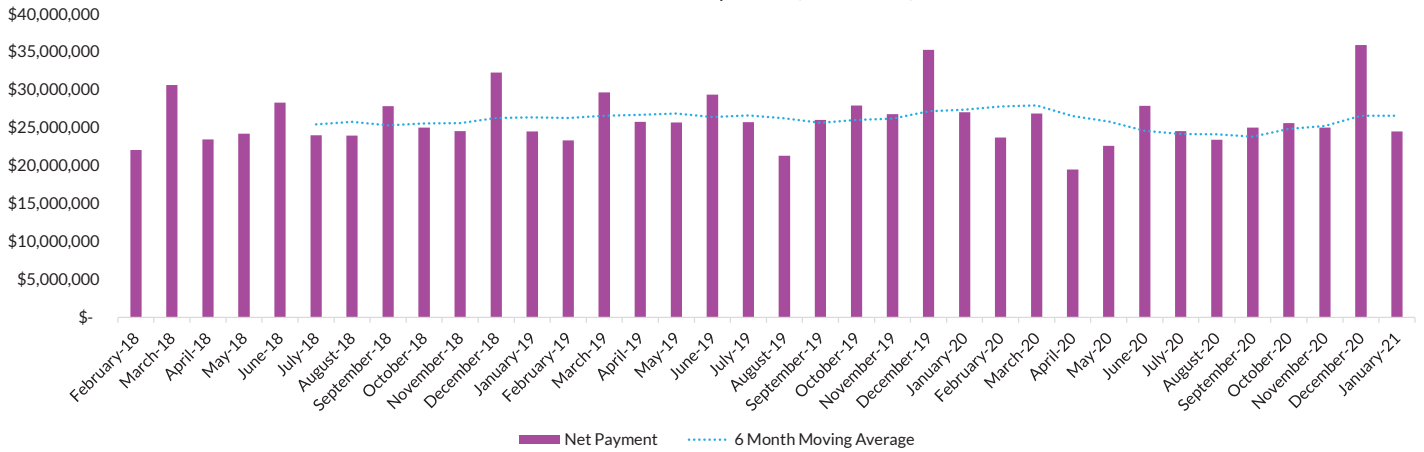
¹ FY 2019-20 revenue reduced due to a one-time repayment to the State of \$3,393,027.



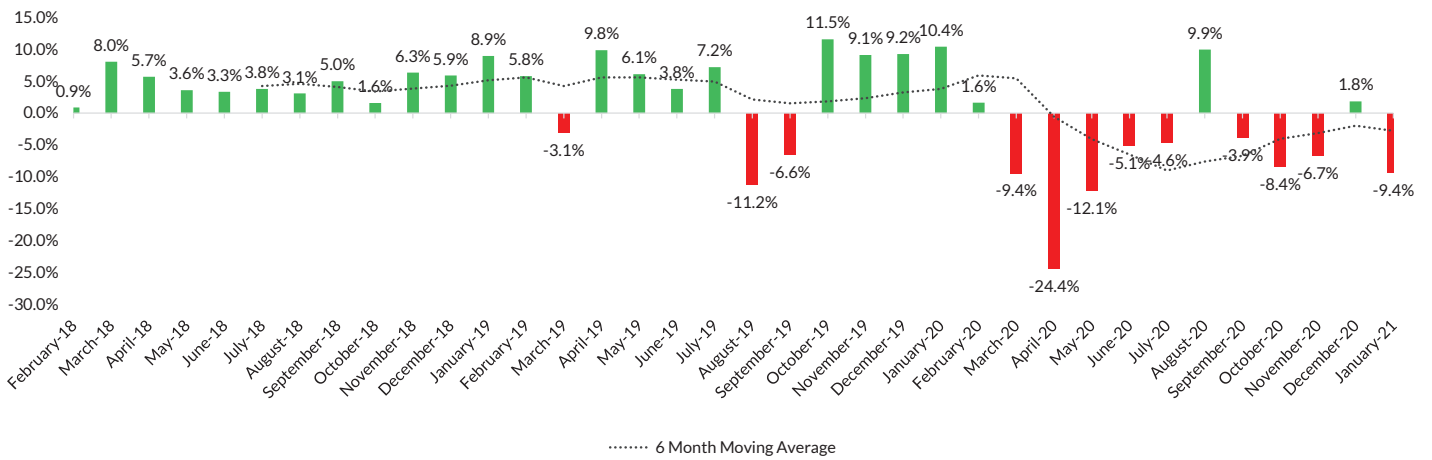
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Sales Tax Net Payments (36 Months)



Sales Tax Net Payments - Year over Year Change (%)



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SUBJECT **City of Dallas Office of Economic Development Named an Accredited Economic Development Organization**

Please join me in congratulating the Office of Economic Development, which last week was certified as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) by the International Economic Development Council. Dallas is one of only 66 organizations to have received the AEDO recognition, an elite and internationally recognized accreditation demonstrating high professionalism and technical expertise.

Background

Based in Washington, D.C., the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the largest membership association serving economic and community development professionals in the world, with over 5,000 members nationwide and abroad. IEDC is staffed by experts devoted to advancement of the profession of economic development.

The AEDO program is a comprehensive peer review process that measures economic development organizations against commonly held standards in the profession. To become an AEDO, an economic development organization undergoes a rigorous two-phase review process during which IEDC reviewers examine information about the structure, organization, policies, procedures, funding, projects, programs, and staff of the candidate economic development organization.

For the first phase, IEDC reviewed documentation submitted by the Office of Economic Development. Successful clearance of the document review phase indicates the organization is eligible to receive accreditation, and the candidate organization moves to the second phase, the site visit phase.

The Office of Economic Development's site visit phase was conducted over three days in December 2020, during which two independent IEDC reviewers toured city hall and conducted thirty-minute interviews with staff, elected officials, developers, and community leaders. The IEDC reviewers then made a recommendation to approve the accreditation, and a committee voted in favor of the approval.

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In addition to approval, the Office of Economic Development received very positive comments from the IEDC reviewers. One such comment stated, “The Review Team found strong support for the efforts of the Office of Economic Development, and in particular for the staff. Several comments were received that even throughout the change in the City’s executive leadership, the services and customer service received from Economic Development staff have been outstanding.”

Please join me in congratulating the Office of Economic Development on this most noteworthy achievement.



Dr. Eric Anthony Johnson
Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization

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New Updates

City Manager's Corner



Ty Khien is a Network Analyst in the Department of Information and Technical Services and has been with the City of Dallas for 15 years, first as a contractor and now as a City of Dallas employee for 5 years. Ty's position puts him on the front lines for dealing with the city's executive departments whose work relies heavily on internet access. From connecting to the VPN to issues with email to remote access, and more, Ty calmly and efficiently takes control and resolves the problem. He understands the critical nature of these issues and responds in a timely manner, whether it is during regular work hours, in the evening, or

even on weekends. Ty's work ethic and attitude exemplify our core value of Excellence and foster the ability of staff to serve the residents of Dallas.

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Dallas Public Library Update!

During the month of February, DPL did its first *Big Read Down*, providing customers a chance to read-off existing fees on their library card accounts. It was a huge success with 305 individuals logging minutes or doing literary activities. The total minutes read was 219,614, and that combined with credits for activities, earned \$18,193.93 toward forgiveness.

The latest issue of the Young *Black Readers* newsletter is now available to share, encourage and engage readers. When you access it from the DPL website you will have

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a list of 146 picture books, 268-chapter books and 255 teen books just to list a few. Click on: <https://dallaslibrary2.org/dplwhatsnext/ybr.php> for hundreds of reading ideas. For more information contact Jo Giudice, Director of Libraries at 214.670.7803.

[Check out a laptop + a hotspot at select Dallas Public Library locations](#)

Dallas Public Library is making it easier for residents who need computer access: laptops bundled with hotspots to borrow using their library card. The first 100 Chromebook+Hotspot bundles will roll out this week at Arcadia Park, Bachman Lake, Dallas West, Highland Hills, Lancaster-Kiest, Martin Luther King, Jr., Pleasant Grove, Polk-Wisdom and Prairie Creek Branch Libraries. An additional 1,125 Laptop+Hotspot bundles will be released in April at 20 locations. The Chromebooks are funded through a grant from the Texas State Library and Archive Commission. The laptops were purchased with a CARES grant funds. Chromebook bundles can be requested at <http://catalog.dallaslibrary.org/polaris/> and picked up at designated locations through the *Library to Go* curbside service. For more information, contact Jo Giudice, Director of Libraries at 214.670.7803.

[Dallas GEMS videos](#)

What are you most proud of that makes Dallas special? Our Communications, Outreach and Marketing Team (COM) is working with Economic Development staff to create District-specific Dallas GEMS videos: movie trailer-style sizzle reels featuring each Council District's unique characteristics and opportunities. The deadline for submissions has been extended; please complete the following form linked below by Friday, March 12.

[Dallas GEMS: District Videos](#)

COM staff will then use the remainder of the Council Recess to capture preferred shot list. Please contact COM production manager Brian Plinck with any questions, comavrequest@dallascityhall.com.

[Spanish Style Guide and Glossary](#)

[Communications, Outreach and Marketing resources](#) now include a Spanish language [style guide](#) and [glossary of terms](#). These are living documents and will continue to evolve based on requests submitted via the COM Virtual Language Center of Excellence [Written Translation Request Form](#). Please contact COM senior project specialist for language access Alejandra Martinez with any questions, alejandra.martinez@dallascityhall.com.

[New Procurement Opportunities](#)

The Office of Procurement Services (OPS) is excited to announce the following new contract opportunities. More information can be found on the City's [electronic bid portal](#):

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Opportunity No.	Opportunity Name
CIZ1973	Montfort Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements, by Department of Public Works
BS21-00015575	Online Investigative Services

We are also pleased to share the latest [Procurement Quarterly](#), listing citywide opportunities for the current quarter (of the fiscal year) and published on the OPS [website](#). Please be advised that once an opportunity is advertised, it is considered an open procurement until the City Council awards the contract. The Code of Ethics prohibits communication between councilmembers and vendors/ suppliers on open procurements. Should you have any questions, please contact Chunny Chhean, Director of Procurement Services.

Look Ahead

[City Council Briefings](#)

April 7, 2021

- Dallas Executive Airport Development Update
- Ad Valorem Tax Limit for Over-65 or Disabled Homeowners
- Redeployment of Neighborhood Code Resources
- City Manager's Goals for 2021

April 21, 2021

- Update to Violent Crime Reduction Plan
- Cultural Plan Update
- HUD Consolidated Plan Budget for FY 2021-22 (City Manager's recommendation and CDC amendments)
- Short Term Rental Regulations
- Self-Certification Rental Inspection Program

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of March 8, 2021, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- PKR transportation to vaccination site
- Encampment resolution
- Water issued due to winter storm
- City bank balance
- One Transported from Shooting Call at Dallas Hotel
- DFR Mask Policy Unchanged Following Governor's Lifting of State Mandates
- DFR Reporting Over 500 Employees To Date Having Tested Positive for COVID-19
- DFR Recovers Body from Trinity River
- Homeless Camp Catches Fire near I-75 and Forest Lane
- Rescue Unit Stolen from Baylor Hospital

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Please see the attached document compiling information provided to media outlets, during the period from March 2 – March 8, 2021, for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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Bring the internet home



**Laptop
+
WiFi
Hotspot**

**Request one with your
Dallas Public Library card**

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**Laptop
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WiFi
Hotspot**

**Solicite uno con su tarjeta
de la Dallas Public Library**

Communications, Outreach & Marketing
Media Requests
March 2 – March 8

Date Submitted: 3/8/2021

Topic: Governor's order

Inquiry: The following information was provided: Your understanding of the governor's order is correct. GA-34 allows a county judge in an area with high hospitalizations to implement COVID-19 mitigation strategies like mask mandates, however, GA-34 prohibits imposing a penalty on anyone for failure to wear a mask.

Submitted by: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: NBCnews.com

Date Submitted: 3/5/2021

Topic: Office of Homeless Solutions

Inquiry: The following information was provided: All on TXDOT property were warned of extreme weather and/or notified they would be cited for illegal activity and offered transportation with their property to available shelter and supportive care services. Once guests relocated, City staff cleaned and fenced the area to prevent future illegal activity for health and safety reasons. Several who declined shelter or services and relocated with their property to private premises were reported by those property owners for criminal trespass and other illegal activity as noted on the Dallas 311 Homeless Service Requests Dashboard. OHS continues to try and get unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness into shelter and supportive care to prevent further illegal activity increasing health and safety risk for neighboring residents and business owners.

Submitted by: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: proteanmag

Date Submitted: 3/5/2021

Topic: DMN – DWU

Inquiry: The following information was shared: Breaks and leaks refer to Dallas Water Utilities' main pipeline distribution system, and the City is responsible for maintaining that system.

Still awaiting today's numbers and will share when known, but emergency repairs were averaging about 25 main breaks repaired per day. Also each main break results in numerous calls to report it since mains serve multiple premises.

Burst pipes are a different category. Those are meter service requests typically referring to customer's calls about their service. While we assist with cutting water services on and off to help customers with their private plumbing issues, the customer is responsible for anything past the meter on their property.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: DMN

Date Submitted: 3//2021

Topic: NPR emergency weather pay

Inquiry: The following information was provided: [A]s careful stewards of taxpayer dollars, the City of Dallas makes every effort to equitably accommodate employees unable to work. As has been our Human Resources policy for the past decade, in the event of inclement weather on a workday, civilian and non-emergency personnel scheduled are to report to work as usual. Personnel able to work from home are allowed to do so. If weather conditions make it impossible to report for work on time, supervisors should be notified as required by departmental regulations. If conditions make an employee unavoidably late, employees will not lose paid time, provided that the manager determines the employee made every effort to report as promptly as possible. For employees not able to report to work or work from home, department directors may facilitate options to make-up their hours. Per the Personnel Rules, paid administrative leave may be considered by a department director on a case by case basis, at their discretion. If an employee has vacation or compensatory time available, they should first use it to record unworked time before requesting paid administrative leave. If employees don't have a leave bank, Directors may consider paying their administrative leave.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: The Takeaway

Date Submitted: 3/2/21

Topic: Bloomberg – Netflix suit

Inquiry: The following information was shared: The City Attorney received the City Council's unanimous approval to pursue video service providers Netflix, Hulu and Disney+ for failure to apply for a state-issued certificate of franchise authority under Tex. Util. Code Chapter 66 and pay the 5% franchise fee to Dallas. Counsel will seek consent from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas to retain outside counsel to pursue the matter on a contingency fee basis.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Bloomberg

Date Submitted: 3/4/2021

Topic: WFAA8 Verify/City bank balance

Inquiry: The following information was shared: Good morning, and thanks for your inquiry. For fastest response in the future, please email media@dallascityhall.com.

The City of Dallas account balance at the end of February with Bank of America is highlighted below in yellow. Brandy Pletcher, Assistant Director of Treasury, verified this with the Cash and Investment Manager, Rowena Zhang.

As of 02/28/21, total Bank Depository Accounts Balance - \$256,907,808.04. This amount includes:

- BofA Investment Holding Account - \$100,197,874.44
- All Bank Depository Accounts - \$156,709,933.60

Please advise if I may further assist, and stay safe!

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: WFAA

Date Submitted: 3/4/2021

Topic: DMN/winter storm apartment water DWU&CCS

Inquiry: 1/ What is the latest tally on the calls to the city of Dallas on pipe breaks and how many were confirmed water main breaks and leaks? And how many repairs have been made?

DWU Meter Services responded to 4,923 weather-related water meter calls, which includes 3,811 burst pipes for private issues of residential and commercial customers. Through March 3, 2021, DWU Distribution received 990 main break/leak calls, 369 of which were confirmed. 373 repairs have been administered within the same period.

There are currently 15 Separate complexes with open CCS cases regarding "Water Cut-Off". Since 02/12/21, a total of 849 service requests have been created for Multi-family properties. 249 of these service requests have been called in for 160 separate complexes with at least 1 unit with "Water Cut-Off".

2/ Also, I've seen the city's code compliance vehicles out in Vickery Meadow. Can residents call the city at 311 to get repairs properly done under the city code? I've seen significant water damage in apartments. I know there's a state property code here that deals with repairs, such as soggy ceilings and drywall. I've only found drafts on line for the city of Dallas. Can you direct me to the enacted property code, please?

Yes, CCS most definitely advises all residents to report untreated damage to 311 if management has been made aware of the damage, repair work has not started, or a reasonable timeline for repair has not been provided. The City of Dallas's Minimum housing standards can be found [HERE](#) . For CCS it is best to report via the 311 website or the OurDallas app for iOS or Android so the service request may be tracked.

3/ Has the water main been repaired at the Villas del Solamar at 8350 Park Ln., 75231? This is the location where the fire hydrant was opened by someone so that residents could get water to flush toilets. There are still building units without water at the massive Wildflower complex at 6031 Pineland Dr., Dallas, 75231, too.

Water was last reported to be restored at Villas del Solamar, 8350 Park Ln., as of 03/01/21. The Wildflower apartments at 6031 Pineland are still experiencing reported water outages. Our City Attorney's Office and Community Prosecution units are working closely on the cases at these properties and are doing everything in their power to urge water restoration By property management and ownership.

DWU Distribution staff will be dispatched today to investigate/verify no distribution-related concerns are impacting water services. We do not have any record/knowledge of Distribution staff operating fire hydrants to provide water for sanitary purposes.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: DMN

Date Submitted: 3/4/2021

Topic: Steven Monacelli/Encampment Resolution

Inquiry: The following information was shared: The Dallas 311 Homeless Service Requests dashboard Dallas 311 Homeless Service Requests (arcgis.com) shows two dozen complaints at this intersection this month contributing to health and safety concerns, including three still to be resolved. For the health and

safety of all, OHS outreach staff continues to offer unsheltered persons in the vicinity hotel shelter and food; substance abuse and behavioral health treatment; and other supportive homelessness diversion services. City staff also continually work to address neighboring business owners' and residents' concerns about illegal unsanitary conditions and hazardous activity in and near this intersection.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: proteanmag

Date Submitted: 3/8/2021

Topic: WFAA – PKR transportation

Inquiry: Lourdes Vazquez, Content Editor with WFAA asked how many persons have signed up to utilize PKR's transportation service to the Fair Park vaccination site. The City confirmed 143 persons signed up for scheduled visits.

Submitted By: Roxana Rubio (PKR)

Media Entity: Lourdes Vazquez (WFAA)



CITY OF DALLAS

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: March 2 - 8, 2021.

Tuesday, March 2nd: CBS 11 (Giles Hudson) and WFAA 8 (Lourdes Vazquez) - Have reached out to DPD but did you all transport anyone from the shooting call on Market Center?

City Response - At 3:58 p.m., DFR responded to Doubletree Market Center, located at 2015 Market Center Boulevard, for an “Aggravated Assault” call, in which reports indicated gun shots being heard in the building. Incident details will need to come from DPD, but I can confirm that we transported at least one person to a local hospital.

Wednesday, March 3rd: Univision 23 (Erika Torres Caraban) - I hope you are well. We wanted to know how the new mask mandate that will go into effect on Wednesday, March 10th will impact your department? What is your current guidance on staff wearing masks?

City Response - There have been no decisions made in this regard as of yet.

Currently, the department requires masks be worn at the station unless you are eating or sleeping.

PPE on emergency response will more than likely be a matter determined separately from what we do at the station level.

Thursday, March 4th: Univision 23 (Erika Torres Caraban) - I hope you are well. Can you tell us how many fire fighters and civilian employees have tested positive for covid this year so far? How many have recovered and how many are currently under quarantine?

City Response - As of yesterday, Dallas Fire-Rescue has had 536 total uniformed and civilian employees test positive for COVID-19. 528 of those have recovered, and 17 are currently under quarantine for on and off-duty exposures.

Saturday, March 6th: Fox 4 (Steven Young), NBC 5 (Claire Cardona) and CBS 11 (Robbie Hoy) - Do you have any information on a report of possibly a body or something in the water on North Walton Walker and Singleton?

City Response - This incident is going to be under DPD jurisdiction. All I can confirm is that we were assigned to the call at 11:34 a.m., after someone in a canoe spotted a dead body at the Trinity River. Swift Water was called to remove. There is no information available regarding the exact time of removal, but the last unit cleared the scene, at 14:45.

Saturday, March 6th: NBC 5 (Claire Cardona) - Do you have information about a fire yesterday at what appears to be a homeless encampment near the Costco at Forest and US 75? Have you heard of any injuries?

City Response - On Friday, March 5th, at 13:54, DFR units were dispatched to the scene of a fire at a homeless camp, located at 12225 Willowdell Drive, around the entrance to Cottonwood Creek Trail.

There aren't a lot of details available about this fire, but there were no reported injuries, and units cleared from the scene around 15:00.

Tuesday, March 9th: WFAA 8 (Lourdes Vazquez), Univision 23 (Erika Torres Caraban) and Dallas Morning News (Catherine Marfin) - Can you provide information on an ambulance being stolen from Baylor hospital and located in Grand Prairie?

City Response - At approximately 1:30 a.m., a DFR rescue unit was stolen from the ambulance bay, at Baylor Scott & White of Dallas, while medics were inside dropping a patient off.

Thankfully the rescue was found, by law enforcement, along DFW Turnpike. The rescue unit was returned to Baylor Hospital where DFR EMS was able to confirm no missing equipment or drugs, and no damage to the unit.

The incident is under investigation.