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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: December 1, 2008

Convened: 12:05 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, **Chair**
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, **Vice-Chair**
Tennell Atkins
Jerry R. Allen
Sheffie Kadane
Ron Natinsky
David Neumann
Mitchell Rasansky

City Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David Kunkle, DPD
Lt. Craig Miller, DPD
Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR
Assistant Chief Thomas Tanksley, DFR
Deputy Chief Bobby Ross, DFR
Deputy Chief James Zak, DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Dr. Marshal Issacs, Medical Director, DFR
Teresa O'Donnell, Director, Dev. Services
Michael Pumphrey, Dev. Services
Chris Bowers, First Assistant City Attorney
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Angela Hunt

Guests:

Chris Gonzalez, Chairman, Landmark
Commission and members

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., Monday, December 1, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for November 17, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Ron Natinsky**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Certificates for Demolition in Historic Districts & other Demolitions of Substandard Structures**

Presenter(s): Chris Bowers, First Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Teresa O'Donnell, Director, Development Services
Michael Pumphrey, Development Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The chair recognized Chris Gonzalez, Chair, Landmark Commission and members of the Commission. Ms. O'Donnell provided the committee with a background and overview of what has been accomplished. Challenge is crafting a demolition ordinance that allows removal of dangerous structures within a reasonable timeframe, yet does not promote unnecessary loss to the historic fabric of our architectural heritage. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) current ordinance (2) problems with existing ordinance (3) proposed ordinance provisions (4) update on progress and (5) benefits of the change. Mr. Bowers gave an overview on two ways the demolition process has been improved. First, the new judge is now hearing 25 cases per month (up to 20) and second, the council recently approved hiring of additional demolition contractors.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) municipal court changes (2) demolition docket (3) funds for assistance (4) health and safety issues (5) number of demolition requests Fire Marshal makes per year (6) communication with Preservation Dallas and (7) tour with LMC.

A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky recommending that the Certificates for Demolition in Historic Districts and other Demolitions of Substandard Structures briefing return to the Public Safety Committee for final review and recommendation to the full council. Mr. Caraway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

4. **Emergency Medical Service Overview**

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Thomas Tanksley, Dallas Fire-Rescue
Deputy Chief Bobby D. Ross, Dallas Fire-Rescue
Dr. Marshal Isaacs, Medical Director, Dallas Fire-Rescue

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Assistant Chief Tanksley gave an overview of the Emergency Medical Service. The purpose of the briefing is to reveal how the department will make better use of resources to improve patient care which will result in reduced response times. There are two important reports that recommended an analysis of the EMS Response Program; Berkshire and EMS Vision Reports. Dr. Isaacs provided the committee with an overview of the Rapid Response Units (RRU). RRU's were referred to by the Berkshire Group as "Flying Squads." These are SUV-type vehicles staffed with two Paramedics that can care for any patient.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) efficiency of non emergency calls (2) reallocation of personnel (3) pilot project budget (4) transport capability (5) standard treatment fee (6) RRU's stationed (7) decrease in the number of rescue responses and (8) total cost recovery.

Follow up: The chair requested staff to provide the committee with a follow up memo on ALS Engine and Rapid Response Unit locations within council districts. Staff will return to the Public Safety Committee in 4 months with a completion report on the data collected and recommendations on how to expand or change the program.

5. **Service Customization**

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief James M. Zak, Dallas Fire-Rescue

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Deputy Chief Zak provided the committee with the Service Customization presentation. It establishes a single point of communication (Deputy Chief) within each service district to coordinate citizen and City requests, needs, and suggestions. External and internal customers identify with the service districts which facilitates understanding, communication, and cooperation. It provides opportunities to collect localized data based on unique needs of each geographic service district and makes changes to the service delivery.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) measure success and (2) Deputy Chief located at each station.

Follow up: The chair requested that the Service Customization briefing return to the Public Safety Committee with an update.

6. **Crime Report/Homicide Report**

Presenter(s): Police Chief David M. Kunkle, Dallas Police Department
Lt. Craig Miller, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with an overview in the Crime/Homicide Report. The following is a summary of the current crime report: (1) overall crime reduction is down in every category (2) violent crime is down 24% (3) murder crime is down 21% and (4) property crime is down 22%.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) residential burglaries and (2) burglary of motor vehicles.

7. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for December 2008**

- a. Memorandum of Understanding – Dallas Independent School District (Police Dept.)
- b. Data Integration for Law Enforcement (DILE) (Police Dept.)
- c. Fire Pumpers and Aerial Trucks (Fire Dept.)
- d. FY 2008 Homeland Security Grants Award Acceptance (IGS)

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (b) have an agreement in place before doing a pilot program.

A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky to support the upcoming agenda items and to recommend all to the full Dallas City Council for approval on December 10, 2008 council agenda. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

8. **Administrative Reports (Fire)**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, Dallas fire-Rescue Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) 11511 Ferguson Road #2505 – cause of fire (2) 2550 W. Redbird Lane - Sack & Save Grocery Store - cause of fire and (2) alley arson fire's in Winnetka Heights.

9. **Administrative Reports (Police)**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Calvin Cunigan, Dallas Police Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) none

10. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee