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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: February 17, 2009

Convened: 12:48 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:56 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

City Staff Present:

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR
Assistant Chief Louie W. Bright, III, DFR
Assistant Chief Joseph Vasquez, DFR
Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Debra Carlin, DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Deputy Chief Kevin Sipes, DFR
Section Chief Norman Seals, DFR
Captain Bryan Russell, DRF
Charlie Stringer, Assistant Director, DWU
Cesar Baptista, Assistant Director, DWU
Jennifer Cottingham, Project Manager, DWU
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

none

Other Council Members Present:

none

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 12:48 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for February 2, 2009 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

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

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

Motion made by: **Ron Natinsky**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Dwaine Caraway**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Water Security Initiative Contamination Warning System Demonstration Pilot Grant**
Presenter(s): Jennifer Cottingham, P.E. Project Manager, Dallas Water Utilities Department
Charlie Stringer, Assistant Director, DWU
Cesar Baptista, Assistant Director, DWU

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Ms. Cottingham provided the committee with an overview of the Water Security Initiative Contamination Warning System Demonstration Grant. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9 (2) CWS Grant Details/Application Results (3) CWS Grant Cost Sharing and (4) enhancements.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) total amount of grant and (2) outside consultants.

A motion was made by Mr. Caraway to support the EPA Water Contamination Warning System Grant and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on February 25, 2009 council agenda. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

4. **Inspection & Life Safety Education Division**
Presenter(s): Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Debra Carlin, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Deputy Chief Kevin Sipes, DFR

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Assistant Chief Carlin provided the committee with an overview of the Inspection & Life Safety Education Division formally Fire Prevention & Education. Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) organization (2) resources (3) inspection activities (4) education activities and (5) accomplishments.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) public exit signs/doors (2) certificate of occupancy (3) smoke alarm installations (4) service level agreement (5) staff feedback (6) next implementation component for Berkshire (7) high rise inspections (8) retail establishments (9) multi family inspections (10) apartment complex access gates and (11) number of inspectors.

5. **Insurance Services Office (ISO)**
Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Joseph Vasquez, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Assistant Chief Vasquez provided the committee with an overview of the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The purpose of the briefing was to give an update on the Insurance Services Office review for Dallas in 1999. The next review is scheduled for 2010/2011. ISO is an independent statistical rating and advisory company that serves the property and insurance industry. ISO also collects information and evaluates a community's fire protection services.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) timeline (2) Berkshire recommendation (3) divergence (4) preliminary list of challenges (5) active water suppression system (6) consultant and (7) number of inspectors.

A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky recommending that the City Manager include hiring a consultant that is familiar with ISO in the FY09/10 budget and recommends it to the full Dallas City Council for approval. Mr. Caraway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

6. **Wellness-Fitness Update**

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Louie W. Bright, III, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Section Chief Norman Seals, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Captain Bryan Russell, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Assistant Chief Bright provided the committee with an update of the current status of Dallas Fire-Rescue's Wellness-fitness Program. DFR is in the process of evaluating current program procedures and practices for areas of needed improvement.

Follow up: The chair requested that the Wellness-Fitness Program return to the April 6, 2009 Public Safety Committee with additional information.

7. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Item for February 2009**

- a. Construction Contract for the Renovation and Expansion of Fire Station No. 10, 4451 Frankford Road (Agenda Item #78)

A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky to support the upcoming agenda item and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on February 25, 2009 council agenda. Mr. Kadane seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

8. **Administrative Reports**

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

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) No recommendation was given for this item.

9. **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