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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: April 6, 2009

Convened: 12:06 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:29 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, **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 Eugene Campbell, DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, **Vice-Chair**

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 12:06 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for March 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 with amendments.

Motion made by: **Mitchell Rasansky**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Ron Natinsky**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

Follow up: The minutes for March 2, 2009 were approved with the following amendment: Page 2, item #4 (Certificates for Demolition in Historic Districts & other Demolitions of Substandard Structures). **Changed the item was not briefed at Dr. Garcia's Request to the item was not briefed at Dr. Garcia's request because it was previously briefed and discussed at the December 1, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting.**

Follow up: The minutes for March 2, 2009 were approved with the following amendment: Page 3, item #7 (Administrative Reports). **Changed item was not discussed by the committee to item was not discussed because the committee had no comments or questions.**

3. **Dallas Fire-Rescue Department's Achievements (October 1, 2007-present)**

Presenter(s): Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Burns provided the committee with an overview of Dallas Fire-Rescue Department's Achievements (October 1, 2007-present). Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) list of goals and accomplishments from October 1, 2007 to present (2) life safety and risk reduction (3) EMS (4) planning and development (5) training and support services (6) communications and technology (7) emergency response operations (8) homeland security (9) financial services and (10) departmental accomplishments mean improved service to the citizens.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) how much of the Berkshire study has been implemented (2) research Preston Ridge Trail marker locations within the CAD system to assist in defining the location of an emergency (3) total enrollment for the explorer program for the last three years/expand program (4) citizen fire academy educational pamphlet (5) electronic patient care (6) hurricane relief efforts (7) call volume response time (8) recruit training "fast track program" and (9) Fire-Rescue 10 year vision.

Follow up: The chair requested that staff provide a follow up memo to the committee on the total enrollment for the explorer program for the last three years and research Preston Ridge Trail marker locations within the CAD system to assist in defining the location of an emergency.

4. **Homeland Security Bureau**

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Eugene Campbell, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Assistant Chief Campbell provided the committee with an overview of the Homeland Security Bureau. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an update on the recently created Homeland Security Bureau and its initiatives and accomplishments to date. The Bureau provides prevention, preparedness, response and investigation related to all hazards. This Bureau includes Aviation, Communications and Technology, Fire Cause and Arson Investigation and Special Operations. Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) special operations (2) urban search & rescue (3) swift water rescue (4) Dallas Medical Strike Team (5) hazardous material (6) wildland urban interface (7) airport rescue firefighting (ARFF) (8) communications/technology (9) fire cause & arson investigation and (10) current/future initiatives.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) number of hazmat incidents per year (2) bomb squad transition (3) DPD bomb squad officers (4) development of K9 program (5) swift water boat key (6) homeland security educational pamphlet (7) OEM emergency operations plan

Follow up: The chair requested that staff provide a follow up memo to the committee with a comparison on other municipalities that were successful with their bomb squad transition. Staff will return to the Public Safety Committee with an update on the transition plan for the bomb squad.

5. **Administrative Reports**

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

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) March 9, 2009, 5712 Bexar Street - case in City Attorney Office and February 5, 2009, 6119 Bandera Avenue #A – the heat from the fire melted the detector to the wall.

Follow up: The chair requested that staff add an additional column on the fire report summary next to the address of the location, specifying the council district.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

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

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee