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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: March 2, 2009

Convened: 12:10 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:37 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
Police Chief David M. Kunkle, DPD
First Assistant Chief David O. Brown, DPD
Deputy Chief David Elliston, DPD
Chris Bowers, First Assistant City Attorney, CAO
Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Debra Carlin, DFR
Peer Chacko, Development Services
Michael Pumphrey, Development Services
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

none

Guests:

Rob Davis, Rand Corp.
Dr. Eric Fritsch, UNT

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 12:10 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for February 17, 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: **Mitchell Rasansky**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Public Trust and Confidence in the Police – The 2008 Dallas Community Survey**

Presenter(s): Rob Davis, Senior Research Analyst, Rand Corporation

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle opened the floor with comments. Mr. Davis provided the committee with an overview of the Public Trust and Confidence in the Police – The 2008 Dallas Community Survey. Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) the community survey is part of the evaluation of the Caruth Police Institute (2) the CPI evaluation is using multiple methods to assess quality of policing in Dallas (3) the community survey is based on a random sample of 1362 Dallas residents and (3) residents of Dallas have as high as 80% favorable opinions of police effectiveness.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) response time (2) ethnicity and gender (3) number of bilingual community coordinators (4) demographic results (5) weighting procedures (6) district by district population (7) target areas and (8) identify by district where crime is taking place.

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

Presenter(s): Chris Bowers, First Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Peer Chacko, Development Services
Michael Pumphrey, Development Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This item was not briefed at Dr. Garcia's request.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) ordinance reviewed/approved by the LMC and City Attorney's Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky to support the Certificates for Demolition in Historic Districts and other Demolitions of Substandard Structures and recommends it to the full Dallas City Council for approval Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

5. **2008 Police Traffic Contact Data Annual Report (Racial Profiling)**

Presenter(s): First Assistant Chief David O. Brown, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

First Assistant Chief Brown provided the committee with an overview of the 2008 Police Traffic Contact Data Annual Report (Racial Profiling). Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) 2008 traffic contact data (2) total traffic contacts – 2004 to 2008 (3) five year comparison (4) racial profiling complaints and (5) external review of data.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) cameras in police vehicles and (2) traffic contacts.

6. **Crime Report/Homicide Report**

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with an overview to the Crime/Homicide Report.

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

7. **Administrative Reports**

Presenter: Acting Division Commander Lt. William Marks, Dallas Police Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Item was not discussed by the committee.

8. **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