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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, April 18, 2010

Convened: 12:01 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:19 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Delia Jasso, **Chair**
Jerry R. Allen
Tennell Atkins
Sheffie Kadane, **Vice-Chair**
Linda Koop
Ron Natinsky
David Neumann

City Executive Staff Present:

Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Lt. Samuel Friar, DFR
Administrative Judge Victor Lander, Judiciary
Gloria Carter, Director, Courts
Martin Riojas, Assistant Director, Courts
Fred Williams, CAO
Meredith Lyons, CAO
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO, DPD

Committee Members Absent:

Sheffie Kadane, **Vice-Chair**

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Committee Chair Jasso

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee Chair Jasso called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:01 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2011 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for April 4, 2010 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Committee Chair Jasso

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

Motion made by: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Jerry Allen**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Court Improvement Status**

Presenter: Martin Riojas, Assistant Director, Court & Detention Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mr. Riojas provided the committee with the Court Improvement Status. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an update on the Municipal Court efficiency improvements to the Public Safety Committee. The Process Improvement Team established the following:

- The Docket Management Process Improvement Team was launched on October 24, 2008
- The team was charged with finding ways to improve the Municipal Court docket management process and to reduce the time it takes to dispose of Class C Misdemeanors
- The team met from October 2008 through May 2009
- Recommendations were made to the City Council June 17, 2009, by the ZIP Team which included staff from Judiciary, Court Services, Prosecutor's Office, CIS, and the Dallas Police Department

The team identified numerous undesirable elements within the Municipal Court system that caused delays and inefficiencies within the system. The team prioritized and identified the top causes and has made recommendations towards resolving them. The top causes were as follows:

- Limited options available for defendants to dispose of cases without requesting a trial setting
- Lack of standardized court procedures
- Not enough traffic docket spaces available to keep up with the number of trial requests
- Manual citation writing leads to citations that are unreadable, incomplete or incorrect
- Routing of officers is inefficient
- Lack of compliance incentives
- Antiquated building

The results – summary of improvements were as follows:

- Total Capacity of The Municipal Court System increased by 67%
- The average time to go to court has been reduced from 9 to 2 months
- The total value of the improvements are estimated at \$3.7M
- Through the Scofflaw Program over 5,000 cases were brought into compliance in FY 09-10

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) warrant roundup (2) citizens will be able to pay for their citation within 1 business day online (3) deferred disposition/deferred by mail (4) revenue (5) negative variance (6) proof or plea procedure (7) number of outstanding cases/warrants (8) current value of outstanding cases (9) number of cleared cases (10) repeat offenders (11) Dallas County partnership and (12) statewide database.

4. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Item for May 2011**

Presenter: Committee Chair Jasso

A motion was made by Councilmember Atkins to accept the Application for Criminal Justice Division - Grant Funds agenda item and recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the May 25, 2011 agenda. Councilmember Kadane seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

5. **Administrative (Police) Reports March 2011 (Informational Memo)**

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

6733 Joyce Way

600 Commerce Street

2200 South Cockrell Street

9902 Lansdowne Drive

2232 Southland Street

12655 North Central Expressway

4317 Hartford Drive #202

2122 Highland Road #211

2233 Southland Street

1010 Regal Row

1033 S. Walton Walker Boulevard #A

4002 Hatcher Street

2920 Lucas Drive #123

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

There were no recommendations given for this item.

6. **Wildland Urban Interface Program**

Presenter: Lieutenant Samuel Friar, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Lieutenant Friar provided the committee with the Wildland Urban Interface Program. Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) is zone where structures and other human improvements meet and intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels. In Texas, 85% of Wildland Fires happen within 2 miles of a community. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) training (2) equipment (3) Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) and (4) Community Wildland Protection Plan.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Basic Wildland Firefighter course (2) mutual aid system (3) trees and (4) community education.

7. **Demonstration/Tour: Wildland Urban Interface Equipment - City Hall Plaza**

Presenter: Lieutenant Samuel Friar, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

At 1:03 p.m., the Public Safety Committee departed for a demonstration/tour of Wildland Urban Interface Equipment. After the demonstration the committee reconvened in 6ES to adjourn.

8. **Public Comments**

Presenter: Committee Chair Jasso

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

There were no public comments.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Delia D. Jasso, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee