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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, April 23, 2012 **Convened:** 11:04 a.m. **Adjourned:** 12:58 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, **Chair**
Carolyn Davis
Sandy Greyson
Delia Jasso
Sheffie Kadane, **Vice-Chair**

City Executive Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager
Fire-Rescue Chief Louie Bright, III
First Assistant Chief Charles Cato, DPD
Bill Finch, Director, CIS
Donzell Gibson, Assistant Director, DPD
Mandy Shreve, DPD

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Ann Margolin

Guests Present:

Charles Terrell, Chairman, Safer Dallas Better Dallas
Jack Hammack, Chairman Emeritus, Safer Dallas Better Dallas
Gary Griffith, President, Safer Dallas Better Dallas
Larry Duncan, President, Dallas County School Board
Rick Sorrells, Superintendent, Dallas County School

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee Chair Medrano called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:04 a.m., Monday, April 23, 2012 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Meeting Record for March 26, 2012 Public Safety Committee Meeting

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: Delia Jasso
Item passed unanimously: _____
Item failed unanimously: _____

Motion seconded by: Carolyn Davis
Item passed on a divided vote: _____
Item failed on a divided vote: _____

3. **Approval of Meeting Record for April 9, 2012 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Delia Jasso**

Item passed unanimously: _____

Item failed unanimously: _____

Motion seconded by: **Carolyn Davis**

Item passed on a divided vote: _____

Item failed on a divided vote: _____

4. **Crime Report**

Presenter: First Assistant Chief Charles Cato, Dallas Police Department

First Assistant Cato provided the committee with a progress report of the Police Department in crime.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Plan of action for loitering at vacant lots (2) Violent Crime Taskforce (3) Entertainment District (4) Domestic Violence Taskforce (5) Neighborhood Police Officers schedule (6) Chief on the Beat details (7) Crime Reduction and (8) TAAG areas.

5. **Safer Dallas Better Dallas**

Presenter: Charles Terrell, Chairman, Safer Dallas Better Dallas
Jack Hammack, Chairman Emeritus, Safer Dallas Better Dallas
Gary Griffith, President, Safer Dallas Better Dallas

The Mission of "Safer Dallas Better Dallas" is as follows:

- Protect the citizens of Dallas from becoming victims of crime
- Engage our citizens in a partnership with Dallas Police – "We're in this fight together"
- Support the efforts of the Dallas Police Chief and Officers
- Make Dallas America's Safest Large City

Safer Dallas Better Dallas, is a 501(c) (3) organization, was founded in the summer of 2005 by Jack Hammack and Charles Terrell. Over 100 Dallas business and community leaders chose to join the new organization's Steering Committee to show their support for Dallas police. Safer Dallas works to accomplish its goals by raising money from Dallas foundations, businesses, and citizens to purchase equipment and training for our Dallas police officers.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) 27 identified TAAG areas (2) DOORS program (3) 2012 Goals (4) Graffiti tracking, illegal dumping and Code Enforcement on iwatch (5) Plans for youth activities and (6) Youth Advisory Committee.

6. **Proposed Partnership for Student Safety City of Dallas and Dallas County Schools**

Presenter: A.C. Gonzalez, Safer Dallas Better Dallas
Larry Duncan, President, Dallas County School Board
Rick Sorrells, Superintendent, Dallas County School

The purpose of this presentation is to provide background information, present proposal, discuss potential impacts and next steps.

Topics of the presentation were as follows: (1) School bus danger zone (2) Studies conducted (3) other States' camera fines (4) Proposed partnership and (5) Implementation.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Interlocal agreement with DCS (2) Transfer responsibility of the City's school crossing guard program to DCS (3) School zone funds (4) Operational cost (5) Ticket enforcement (6) Fine revenue (7) DCS Police Force (8) Financial responsibility for school crossing guards (9) Camera monitoring responsibility (10) Public education (11) Revenues for operational expenses (12) Provide Municipal Court Judges with training (13) Plans for distributing school crossing guards evenly throughout the City (geographic disbursement) (14) Video available online (15) Number of injuries of children in the last few years (16) Meeting with Judge Lander (17) reimbursement from operational expenses and (18) Child Safety Trust Fund.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greyson that the Proposed Partnership for Student Safety City of Dallas and Dallas County Schools be recommended to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the May 23, 2012 agenda. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

7. Radio Technology – Procurement and Update

Presenter: A.C. Gonzalez, Safer Dallas Better Dallas
Fire-Rescue Chief Louie Bright, III
First Assistant Chief Charles Cato, DPD

The objective of this presentation is to provide a review of the following:

- January 19, 2011 Radio Technology presentation to City Council
- RFCSP process for additional radio purchases to achieve Narrowband requirement
- Where we are with City / Countywide Radio Upgrade
- Next Steps

Chief Bright and First Assistant Chief Cato provided the committee with a brief overview of the communication benefits.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) proposals and (2) interactions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jasso that this item be moved forward from the Public Safety Committee as a yes to approve by Police and Fire on the Motorola contract and be recommended to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the April 25, 2012 agenda; upon staff meeting one-on-one with Councilmember Greyson and Kadane. Mayor Pro Tem Medrano seconded the motion and it passed with Councilmember Greyson voting in opposition.

8. Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

- Dallas Police Department Click-It or Ticket Grant
- Acceptance of the Tobacco Enforcement Grant
- Pay-By-Phone Services for Single Space Meters
- Memorandum of Understanding – Senior Source, Senior Safety Model

A motion was made by Councilmember Kadane to accept the upcoming council agenda items and recommend them to the full Dallas City Council for approval. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVED BY:

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

ATTEST:

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Public Safety Committee