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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, April 22, 2013

Convened: 11:04 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:27 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

Executive Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager
Chief of Police Chief David Brown, DPD
Assistant Chief Tom Lawrence, DPD
Deputy Chief Sherryl Scott, DPD

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 22, 2013 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for April 8, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Sandy Greyson**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Dallas Police Crime Report**

Presenter: Chief of Police David O. Brown, Dallas Police Department

Police Chief Brown provided the committee with a progress report of the Police Department in crime.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Decrease of crime for 2011
- Drug houses
- Chief on the Beat
- Summer Drug Task Force
- Burglary Motor Vehicle

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4. **Dallas Police Bicycle Patrols**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Tom Lawrence, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation is as follows:

- Review the history of the DPD Bicycle Patrol Program
- Discuss
 - Goals
 - Advantages and disadvantages
 - Equipment and costs
 - Current staffing
 - Future considerations

The historical background of this program is as follows:

- Began in 1991 as part of the Crime Prevention Unit
- Bicycles were donated by a North Dallas Community Group
- Trained by Seattle Police Department
- First used in East Dallas

Program goals are as follows:

- Increase Police Visibility
 - Downtown Dallas including Convention Center and Art's District
 - Entertainment Districts
 - High Crime Areas
 - Parks, Running and Bike trails
 - Special Events (i.e. parades and protests)
- Assist in Quality of Life Issues
 - The Bridge
 - Farmers Market Area

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- What do officers do when they see crime while riding on the bike?
- What type of fitness training do officers get ready for bike patrol?
- Do officers volunteer for this job on bike patrol?
- Length of time on the bike in an 8 hour shift?
- What do officers do if they get a flat?
- Do the bikes have flashing red lights?
- Who decides where the bikes are deployed?
- Plans for more bike officers, since more trails are opening?
- Number of certified bicycle rider's city wide?
- Number of bikes in entertainment areas?
- How three wheelers and Segway's are differ from the bicycles?
- Do the officers stop and interact with the businesses in their area?

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5. **Crime Scene Section Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Enhancements**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Sherryl Scott, Dallas Police Department

AFIS is a biometric solution that automates the processing of arrest and applicant fingerprint cards. Enables criminal justice agencies to search latent prints developed at crime scenes against the database.

The purpose of this presentation is as follows:

- Inform Public Safety Committee of:
 - Advancements in Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS)
 - State and Federal AFIS networks
 - New technology and databases including palm print records

AFIS goals are as follows:

- Provide timely intelligence to investigative personnel by:
 - Continuing to pursue new and innovative biometric technology
 - Expanding databases that contain valuable latent evidence

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Do civilian and sworn police personnel read prints?
- Is the iris different on everyone like finger prints?
- Length of time prints is stored?
- Palm print records are stored and kept
- Facial recognition

6. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Item Memos for April 24 and May 22, 2013**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

- Adopt-A-Station Program Dallas Foundation Agreement
- Renewal of the Dallas County Community College District, El Centro College Contract
- Authorize a Two-Year Master Agreement for Hay
- Authorize Acceptance of Donations from Safer Dallas Better Dallas for Technology Enhancements

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Plans to get the message out to the public that we offer the Adopt-A-Station Program?

Motion made by Councilmember Kadane to accept the upcoming council agenda items and recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the April 24 and May 22, 2013 agenda. Councilmember Jasso seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

7. **Bush Center Library Ribbon Cutting Update (Closed Executive Session)**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Commission Recommendation(s):

The Public Safety Committee went to EXECUTIVE SESSION at 12:03 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013 pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, to receive advice from and consult with the City Attorney.

Action Taken/Commission Recommendation(s):

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Public Safety Committee reconvened at 12:27 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013 to open session.

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APPROVED BY:

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

ATTEST:

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Public Safety Committee