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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: May 15, 2008

Convened: 12:06 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:59 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 A. Neumann
Mitchell Rasansky

City Staff Present:

Mary Suhm, City Manager
Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David M. Kunkle, DPD
Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, DPD
Deputy Chief Jan Easterling, DPD
Dave Cook, Chief Financial Officer
Pavala Armstrong, Assistant City Attorney
Interim First Assistant,
Chief of Police, Charles Cato

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

Carolyn Davis

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, May 15, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for May 5, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

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

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:

3. **FY 08-09 Public Safety Key Focus Area Preliminary Ranking of Bids**

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Jan Easterling, DPD
Dave Cook, Chief Financial Officer, DPD

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mr. Cook gave an introduction to the FY 08-09 Public Safety Key Focus Area Preliminary Ranking of Bids. The purpose of the briefing is to review price of government process, review status of budgeting for outcomes process, review Public Safety Preliminary List of Offers/Services to be "Purchased" in FY 2008-09 and review next steps in Price of Government Process.

Public Safety Envisioned Future; Enhance Public Safety to ensure people feel safe and secure where they live, work and play.

Public Safety Council Objectives; (1) improve response times (2) reduce the overall reported crime rate (3) increase the level of confidence in law enforcement and (4) reduce the Dallas' position in the nation on crime.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) public safety funding (2) Fire-Rescue enhancements (3) Advance Life Support engines (4) officer vacancy rate (5) beat patrol (6) overtime comparison for last year vs. this year's proposal (7) uniform pay plan (8) team recommends not funding this bid (9) back-up dispatch and call center (10) CAD (11) additional security guard outside the communication center (12) administrative assistant for the arson team and (13) security for Mayor and Council offices and chambers.

4. **Crime Report**

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with an overview in percentages. One of the key focus areas is public safety and one of the most important goals is to reduce crime. The highest single goal is how the department is doing as it relates to crime. The following is a summary of the current crime report: (1) 9% down in violent crime (2) 2% up in crimes against property (3) overall crime reduction citywide down 10% (4) Northeast Patrol Division had an 8% increase (5) Northwest Patrol Division had a 6% increase and (6) Central Patrol Division has the greatest decrease in crime.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) youth initiative curfew (2) reduction in response time (3) improve strategies in residential burglaries (4) VIP (5) violent crime stats for U.S. (6) multi tenant tactics and (7) Sky towers.

Follow up: The committee requested a future briefing on the following topic: (1) summer imitative.

5. **Homicide Report**

Presenter(s): Lt. Craig Miller, DPD

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with some important demographic information about homicides: (1) most violent times of the day are 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. (2) most dangerous days of the week are late Friday night and early Saturday morning (3) every year about 90% of murder victims are African Americans and Hispanics and (4) 75% of the murder victims are killed with handguns. Lt. Miller gave an overview of the motives in homicide.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) handguns (2) gun shows (3) hot spots (4) Sky towers and (5) additional cameras.

6. **DWI No-Refusal Initiative**

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, DPD

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Deputy Chief Kirkpatrick provided the committee with the DWI No-Refusal Initiative. Topics of the presentation were as follows: (1) search warrant for blood sample (2) procedure (3) Memorial Day initiative and (4) July 4th initiative.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) judge commitment (2) fine for breath test refusal (3) citizen rights (4) Attorney General opinion and (5) administrative fee for the breath test.

Follow up: The committee requested staff to provide a follow up to the Memorial Day Initiative.

A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky to move forward with the DWI No-Refusal Initiative, including the recommendation for restitution and that this item return to the Public Safety Committee, so the committee can reevaluate the success and then move forward to full time implementation. Mr. Caraway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

7. **Dallas Police Department Update**

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The Dallas Police Department Update was not briefed to the committee.

8. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for May 2008**

- Cold Case Investigation Grant (Office of the Governor)

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): none

9. **Administrative Reports**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Calvin Cunigan, DPD

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): none

10. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

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

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Public Safety Committee