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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, May 13, 2013

Convened: 11:09 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:32 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
Fire-Rescue Chief Louie Bright, III, DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Acting Deputy Chief Sandra Marsh, DFR
Captain Chad Smith, DFR

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 11:09 a.m., Monday, May 13, 2013 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for April 22, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Sandy Greyson**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Delia Jasso**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Swiftwater Rescue**

Presenter: Captain Chad Smith, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this presentation is as follows:

- Familiarize the Committee with the Fire/Rescue Department's abilities to respond to situations when citizens are trapped by moving water (swiftwater) in:
 - Lakes
 - Rivers
 - Streams
 - Flood Prone Areas

Swiftwater goals are as follows:

- To reduce injury to citizens trapped by moving water
- To prevent death of citizens
- To provide back-up crews to other water responders

The history of Swiftwater Rescue is as follows:

- May 5, 1995 super storms
- Technical Rescue Team 15 until 2007
- Swiftwater 34 July 7, 2007
- One Swiftwater Team
- Seven flat water boat stations

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Inflatable boat
- Personal equipment (dry suit)
- Job requirements
- Number of training hours required
- Method for tracking rescuers location
- Location of where training classes occur
- Water safety
- Current boat locations

4. **New Construction: Keeping Up With The Changing Face of Dallas**

Presenter: Acting Deputy Chief Sandra Marsh, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this presentation is to present how Fire/Rescue Department ensures all City construction projects meet fire code requirements for:

- Fire protection systems
- Life safety equipment

New Construction goals are as follows:

- Protect building occupants
- Protect emergency responders
- Educate contractors regarding code requirements
- Streamline construction process through partnership with Building Inspection

The New Construction Process is as follows:

- Development Reviews
 - Zoning
 - Platting
 - Site Plan
- Building Permit (New Construction Involved)
 - Predevelopment Meetings
 - Master permit – fire hydrants, fire access roads
 - Trade Permits – fire alarm, fire sprinkler, tanks, flammable liquids, generators, standpipes
- Certificate of Occupancy

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Are the inspectors specialized?
- Is the Fire Department involved in construction plans?
- Where are building fees going?
- New Construction Team
- Future plans for digital?
- Other cities that use this type of fire inspections

5. **Administrative (Fire) Reports (Informational Memo)**

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

Deputy Chief Pierce provided the committee with an overview to the Administrative (Fire) Reports. This information is provided to the committee with a brief description of the March 27, 2013 – April 15, 2013 fire reports.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- 7319 Campbell Road location
- Fire alarm system at 3939 Rosemeade Parkway, #3218

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

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

- Authorize Acceptance of Click-It or Ticket Grant (DPD)
- Authorize Acquisitions of and Service Agreements for Bait Car and Asset Tracking Systems (DPD)
- El Centro Contract Renewal-Reimbursement for Training Expenses (DFR)

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

The May 13, 2013 Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee