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## Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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**Meeting Date:** June 16, 2008

**Convened:** 12:06 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 1:56 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 Neumann  
Mitchell Rasansky

**City Staff Present:**

Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager  
Ramon Miguez, Assistant City Manager  
Zaida Basora, Assistant Director, PWT  
Elizabeth Ramirez, Assistant Director, PWT  
Police Chief David Kunkle, DPD  
Assistant Chief Ron Waldrop, DPD  
Assistant Chief Daniel Garcia, DPD  
Deputy Chief Tom Lawrence, DPD  
Gloria Lopez Carter, Director, Courts  
Carolyn Bray, Parks Department  
Jackie Middlebrooks, Assistant City Attorney

**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, June 16, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for June 2, 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: **Dwaine Caraway**

Item passed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Item failed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**Follow up:** The minutes for June 2, 2008 were approved with the following revision: Committee Member David Neumann absent due to official city business.

3. **Red Light Camera Enforcement Program Update**

**Presenter(s):** Zaida Basora, Assistant Director, Public Works & Transportation  
Elizabeth Ramirez, Assistant Director, Public Works & Transportation

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Ms. Basora gave an update to the Red Light Camera Enforcement Program Update. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) safety status report (2) program update and (3) strategy for program continuation.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) traffic ticket fees in other communities (2) need for additional cameras (3) gross revenue and (4) rotation of approaches.

**The committee recommended to move forward with staff recommendations, with the flexibility of increasing or reducing the number of cameras as needed and to update the Public Safety Committee in 6 months.**

4. **Crime Report**

**Presenter(s):** Police Chief David Kunkle, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with an overview in percentages. The following is a summary of the current crime report: (1) 7 consecutive years violent crime reduction (2) 5 consecutive years with overall crime reduction (3) overall violent crime is down 11% (4) non violent crime is down 165% (5) residential burglaries are down 107% and (6) burglaries motor vehicles are down 315%.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) violent crime hot spots (2) re-entry, education and prevention programs (3) residential burglaries (4) park curfew enforcement (5) crime watch and neighborhood patrol (6) home invasions and (7) beat policing model.

5. **Dallas Police Department 2008 Summer Crime Prevention Initiative**

**Presenter(s):** Assistant Chief Daniel Garcia, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Assistant Chief Garcia provided the committee with the 2008 Summer Crime Prevention Initiative. The objectives are as follows: (1) violent crime reduction (2) youth related issues and (3) response time reduction. Highlights of the presentation were as follows: (1) patrol division strategies (2) special investigations division strategies (3) narcotics division strategies and (4) hot spot areas.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) sky towers in commercial areas (2) future park police unit (3) utilization of parks (4) partnership with DART police (5) increase curfew (6) resources for initiatives (7) response time and (8) youth related initiative.

6. **Auto Theft Tracking Program (Bait Car)**

**Presenter(s):** Assistant Chief Ron Waldrop, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Assistant Chief Waldrop provided the committee with an update to the Auto Theft Tracking Program (Bait Car). The purpose of the program was the strategy intended to reduce Auto Thefts through prevention and apprehension of active offenders. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) program partners (2) how the system works (3) ATTP arrest statistics (4) repeat offenders (5) results since inception (6) overview of June 2, 2008 bait car incident and (7) recommendations.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) timeline for new policy implementation (2) repeat offenders (3) intense retention (4) ability to disable bait car from police headquarters (5) accidents related to bait cars and (6) strategic deployment in targeted areas.

**A motion was made by Mr. Caraway to approve staff recommendations to continue the Bait-Car program with enhanced policies and recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on June 25, 2008 council agenda. Mr. Natinsky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**7. FY 08-09 Lew Sterrett Jail Contract**

**Presenter(s):** Gloria Lopez Carter, Director, Court and Detentions Services

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

**A motion was made by Mr. Atkins to approve the FY 08-09 Lew Sterrett Jail Contract and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on June 25, 2008 council agenda. Mr. Natinsky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**8. Upcoming City Council Agenda Item for June 2008**

- Memorandum of Understanding – Dallas Independent School District (Police Department) reimbursement resolution.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) number of learning centers.

**A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky to approve the upcoming city council agenda item for and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on June 25, 2008 council agenda. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**9. Administrative Reports**

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Calvin Cunigan, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** none

**10. Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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

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Public Safety Committee