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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, August 2, 2010

Convened: 12:01 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:58 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, **Chair**
Delia Jasso, **Vice-Chair**
Jerry R. Allen
Tennell Atkins
Sheffie Kadane
Linda Koop
Ann Margolin
Ron Natinsky
David Neumann

City Executive Staff Present:

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David O. Brown, DPD
Tom Perkins, City Attorney
Deputy Chief Patricia Paulhill, DPD
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

Special Guests:

Cigar Association of America:
-Craig Williamson and Robert Peeler
Safer Dallas, Better Dallas:
-Charles T. Terrell, Chair
-Gary Griffith, President
-Jack Hammack, Chairman Emeritus
-Christina Melton Crain, CEO of DOORS
-Michael Lee, Director of DOORS

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mayor Pro Tem Caraway called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:01 p.m., Monday, August 2, 2010 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for June 21, 2010 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

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

Motion made by: **David Neumann**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Crime Report**

Presenter: Police Chief David Brown, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Brown provided the committee with a progress report of the Police Department in crime. Crime Index is currently down 6.5%. BMV is down 10%, Residential Burglary is up 1.7% and Rape is up 25%. Property Crime is 88% of crime in City of Dallas.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) property crime strategies (2) beat policing (3) citizens to report suspicious activities (4) facts about repeat offenders (5) pawn shops (6) drug houses (7) number of offenders from crime area that they reside in (8) awareness campaign (9) date rape (10) DCCCD partnership (11) high bail bond (12) criminal history of suspects (13) Judiciary, Prosecutor Office, District Attorney and Commissioner partnership (14) truancy (15) crime measurements for Parks and (16) DPD and Park & Recreation partnership to reduce crime.

4. **Administrative (Police) Reports (Informational Memo)**

Previous case presentations: Control #09-357 and #09-459

Presenter: Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: There were no recommendation's given for this item.

5. **Blunt Wrap Presentation**

Presenter: Craig Williamson and Robert Peeler, Cigar Association of America

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mr. Williamson, Cigar Association of America provided the committee with the Blunt Wrap Presentation. Blunt wraps are primarily intended for use with marijuana or cannabis. Blunt wraps constitute drug paraphernalia.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) National Tobacco Company (2) import issue (3) Texas law (4) municipality ordinance and (5) cities that band K2.

6. **Synthetic Cannabinoids (K2) and Salvia Divinorum**

Presenter: Tom Perkins, City Attorney and Deputy Chief Patricia Paulhill, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mr. Perkins provided the committee with the Synthetic Cannabinoids (K2) and Salvia Divinorum. Since 2006, K2 products have been sold as incense or potpourri in smoke shops and other retailers. It is a mixture of herbal and spice plant products that have been sprayed with a synthetic compound similar to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. Salvia Divinorum is a psychoactive plant that is native to Mexico. Its active psychoactive component is salvinorin A and is sold as "Sally D" or "Magic Mint". Topics of discussion were as follow: (1) issues (2) common products (3) drug paraphernalia (4) the side

effects of synthetic cannabinoids and (5) cities/states that ban or restrict synthetic cannabinoids and/or salvia divinorum.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) chemical compound (2) state law rules (3) enforcement and (4) fines.

A motion was made by Ms. Koop to enact an ordinance to: ban the use of Synthetic Cannabinoids (K2) and Salvia Divinorum, ban the possession, sale, or transfer of these products in the city, prohibit smoking paraphernalia used with these products and assess a fine not to exceed \$2000 for the use, possession, sale, or transfer of these products and to recommend this item to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the August 11, 2010 council agenda. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caraway requesting that the Blunt Wrap Presentation return to the Public Safety Committee for final review and recommendation, after Mr. Perkins has met with the Cigar Association for additional discussion. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

7. **Safer Dallas Better Dallas**

Presenter: Charles T. Terrell, Chair, Gary Griffith, President, Jack Hammack, Chairman Emeritus, Christina Melton Crain, CEO of DOORS Program and Michael Lee, Doors Program Director.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mr. Griffith gave an overview to Safer Dallas Better Dallas. The mission of "Safer Dallas Better Dallas" (1) to protect the citizens of Dallas from becoming victims of crime and to engage our citizens in a partnership with Dallas Police (2) to support the efforts of our Dallas police officers and (3) to make Dallas America's Safest City. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) history (2) board of trustees & steering committee (3) results (4) 2009 Public Safety accomplishments (5) focus on re-entry and (6) Dallas One-stop Optimized Re-entry System (Opening Doors). Mr. Hammack, Mr. Lee and Ms. Crane gave an overview to the major re-entry initiative. The vision of DOORS is to make Dallas one of the safest urban centers in the U.S.A. to live and work. The mission of DOORS is to create and maintain a One Stop System that will collectively assist formerly incarcerated persons and their family members to become and remain productive citizens.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) additional cameras (2) funds (3) prevention & education strategy (4) criteria to enter program (5) assessment/interview process (6) project reconnect and (7) organize a job fair at city hall.

8. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for August 25, 2010**

- Proposal to Accept the Texas Burglary and Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) Grant Funds
- Dallas Police Department Body Armor Grant

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: There were no recommendation's given for the upcoming agenda items.

9. **Public Comments**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: There were no public comments.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee