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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 **Convened:** 11:01 a.m. **Adjourned:** 12:46 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

City Executive Staff Present (Presenters):

A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager
Chief of Police David O. Brown, DPD
Assistant Chief Vincent Golbeck, DPD
Assistant Chief Thomas Lawrence, DPD
Deputy Chief Randall Blankenbaker, DPD
Deputy Chief Christina Smith, DPD
Deputy Chief Norman Seals, DFR
Stephanie McHenry, Assistant Director, Code Compliance

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Dwaine Caraway

Guests Present:

Dr. Paul Pepe, M.D. and Medical Direction Team

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 11:01 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for June 25, 2012 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: Delia Jasso
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Carolyn Davis
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **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.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Robberies (2) Crime Watch Groups (3) Incorporate crime data into Chief on the Beat (4) Parental education on drug prevention (5) Family violence stats (6) Aggravated assault (7) Community engagement (8) Number of remaining Chief on the Beat scheduled and (9) Domestic violence report.

4. **Dallas Graffiti Arts Project**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Vincent Golbeck, Dallas Police Department
Stephanie McHenry, Assistant Director, Code Compliance

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Council with an update of efforts being made to curb/eliminate illegal graffiti, including:

- Review of traditional methods
- Introduction of more innovative approaches
- To seek Council's support of these efforts

Highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- Project Impetus
- Definitions and Types of Graffiti
- Hot Spots for 311 Graffiti Abatement
- Graffiti in Dallas: Traditional Response
- Traditional Enforcement Efforts
- Enhanced Enforcement
- Traditional Abatement
- Enhanced Abatement
- Creative Abatement Collaborations
- Alternatives For Artists Under the Graffiti Arts Project
- Pilot Project
- Donations
- Specific Project Goals

Mission of the Graffiti Arts Project is as follows:

- Seeks to provide graffiti artists an alternative to tagging and to redirect their creative energy in socially acceptable ways and earn public acceptance of their talent
- Central to this project is creation of a series of public free walls and semi-permanent public art locations
- In return the city gets pledges from all participants not to continue to tag elsewhere and, ideally, less illegal graffiti and to use their influence within their community to enhance the community's appearance

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Adopt A Block Program (2) Report tagging (3) Taggers (4) Enhanced enforcement (5) Funding/amount spent for supplies and paint and (6) Timeline for purchasing supplies for the volunteer program.

5. **Identification and Utilization of Departmental Resources**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Thomas Lawrence, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation is as follows:

- Update the Public Safety Committee on types of equipment in use by the Dallas Police Department
- Provide general information about the various equipment
- Explain how this equipment better allows DPD personnel to successfully accomplish their duties

Departmental goals are to provide a range of equipment that will enhance the following:

- Public Safety of all citizens
- Protect DPD personnel
- Facilitate rapid responses to incidents
- Increase public confidence in DPD capabilities to handle critical incidents

**The committee recessed to the Flag Room to view the types of tactical equipment used by the Dallas Police Department personnel, located on the plaza.*

The Dallas Police Department continually seeks new equipment and resources to enhance the safety and response capabilities in all areas of the City of Dallas. The equipment that was shown significantly improves the safety for the citizens of Dallas, while simultaneously enhancing the capabilities and efficiency of its Public Safety employees.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

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

6. **Emergency Medical Services Professional Contracts Update**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Norman Seals, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this presentation is to brief the Public Safety Committee regarding four of the EMS Professional Contracts/Resolutions. These contracts allow partner agencies to provide legally mandated medical direction and education of new and incumbent paramedic members of DFR.

Highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- Percent of Calls Dispatched
- DFR EMS System
- Responsibilities of the Medical Directors
- Responsibilities of BioTel
- Emergency Medical Initial Training
- UTSWMC Continuing Education
- EMS Professional Contracts Costs
- Council Actions

A motion was made by Councilmember Kadane to accept the Emergency Medical Services Professional Contracts and recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the August 22, 2012 agenda. Councilmember Jasso seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

7. **Implementation of Major Rank in Dallas Police Department**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Randall Blankenbaker, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation is to describe the new Major Rank being implemented in the Dallas Police Department in October 2012.

The department's strategic planning effort identified several challenges/opportunities, such as:

- Community Policing 2.0
- Technology for crime reduction
- Rapid growth of department
 - Experience
 - First line supervision
 - Management oversight
- Succession planning

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Majors to work with community leaders (2) Will the Majors be paid for holiday hours (3) How will this implementation impact the community and (4) Organization chart showing the Major rank positions.

8. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Item for August 22, 2012**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

- Acceptance of the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority Grant Award

A motion was made by Councilmember Greyson to accept the upcoming council agenda item and recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the August 22, 2012 agenda. Councilmember Kadane seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

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

Presenter: Deputy Chief Christina Smith, Dallas Police Department

New Case Presentations: Control # 2012-210, Control # 2012-229 and Control # 2012-306

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There were no recommendations for this item.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee