

Quality of Life & Government Services Committee Meeting Record

DRAFT

Meeting Date: June 25, 2012

Convened: 9:44 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:53 a.m.

Members Present:

Sandy Greyson, Chair
Mónica R. Alonzo
Dwayne Caraway
Carolyn Davis

Members Absent:

Briefing Presenters

Jimmy Martin
Director of Code Compliance

Staff Present:

Joey Zapata, Jimmy Martin, James Childers, Lisa Christopherson, Clifton Gillespie

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of June 11, 2012 minutes**

Presenter(s):

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion made to approve June 11, 2012 minutes

Motion made by: Mónica R. Alonzo

Motion seconded by: Carolyn Davis

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. **Proposed Amendments to the Downtown Vending Ordinance**

Presenter(s): Jimmy Martin

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Proposed amendments to Chapters 43 and 50 of the Dallas City Code related to vending in the downtown area were discussed. The proposed ordinance changes are in an effort to foster more street vending in the Central Business District, while also taking steps to ensure vendor quality.

Committee members expressed concerns related to fees, and the effects of an amended ordinance as presented. The Chair requested the specifics of how permissible locations will be determined, considering the types of vendors and their proximity to fixed establishments in which they would compete.

The Chair requested the proposal be brought back to the committee after consideration of the members' input and discussion with stakeholders.

3. **Restaurant & Bar Inspections Update**

Presenter(s): Jimmy Martin

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided an update on the restaurant and bar inspection program in the Department of Code Compliance. Since the last briefing to the committee all funded positions were filled, a bid for five additional sanitarians or sanitarians-in-training was submitted as part of the FY 2012-13 budget development process, and a qualified vendor was hired to provide supplemental inspections as needed.

Staff indicated that the program will meet the requirement of two inspections annually per food establishment beginning in FY 2012-13.

Committee members expressed interest in a proposed ordinance to require all food handlers to obtain food safety certification.

Councilmember Sandy Greyson

Chair