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## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Record**

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**Meeting Date:** August 18, 2008

**Convened:** 12:04 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 1:25 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

**City Staff Present:**

Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager  
Police Chief David Kunkle, DPD  
Deputy Chief Brian Harvey, DPD  
Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, DPD  
Lt. Craig Miller  
Lt. Dale Barnard  
Lt. Gene Summers  
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO  
Shun Session, CMO

**Committee Members Absent:**

David Neumann (Official City Business)  
Mitchell Rasansky (Out of Town)

**Other Council Members Present:**

None

**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 12:04 p.m., Monday, August 18, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for August 4, 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: **Dwaine Caraway**

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(s):** Police Chief David M. 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 with violent crime reduction (2) 5 consecutive years with overall crime reduction (3) overall crime reduction is down 7% (4) violent crime is down 12% (5) property crime is down 6% (6) homicide crime reduction is down 30% and (7) all 7 patrol divisions show crime has decreased.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) continue to work on initiatives to reduce crime.

**Follow up:** The committee requested a future briefing on what has been attributed to the success of the initiatives.

4. **Homicide Report**

**Presenter(s):** Lt. Craig Miller, Dallas Police Department

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

Lt. Miller provided the committee with some important demographic information about homicides: (1) most violent times of the day are 6:00 p.m. to midnight (2) most dangerous days of the week are Tuesday and Wednesday (3) every year about 90% of murder victims are African Americans and Hispanics (4) 75% of the murder victims are killed with handguns and (5) residences/apartments/motels out numbered the murders that took place in public places. Lt. Miller gave an overview of the motives in homicide.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) educational awareness (2) handguns (3) geographic locations (4) race of suspect and (5) hot spots.

5. **Convenience Store Ordinance (August 27, 2008 council agenda)**

**Presenter(s):** Deputy Chief Brian Harvey, Dallas Police Department

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

Deputy Chief Harvey provided the committee with the Convenience Store Task Force Recommendations. The proposed ordinances will help curb crime at convenience stores. This is an initiative that could have a positive impact in crime reduction in every district in the city. They are designed to curb convenience store crime, improve prosecution, and protect both employees and customers. Highlights of the presentation were as follows: (1) goals (2) recommendations and (3) action items.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) number of convenience stores (2) DPD to provide the training cd and decals at no cost (3) timeframe for registration (4) panic button (5) criminal trespass enforcement (6) certificate of occupancy process (7) drop safe (8) visibility issue and (9) roll out for items other than video.

A motion was made by Mr. Caraway to support the Convenience Store Task Force Recommendations and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the August 27, 2008 council agenda. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

6. **Criminal Trespass Affidavit Program**

**Presenter(s):** Lt. Dale Barnard, Dallas Police Department

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

Lt. Barnard gave an overview of the Criminal Trespass Affidavit Program. Highlights of discussion were as follow: (1) concept (2) process and (3) benefits.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) access of affidavit forms (2) partnership with crime watch groups (3) public awareness and (4) commercial/leased property.

7. **Citations for Class B Misdemeanors Offense Policy**

**Presenter(s):** Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department

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

Deputy Chief Kirkpatrick gave an overview of the Citations for Class B Misdemeanor Offenses. Highlights of discussion were as follow: (1) House Bill 2391 for M/B Offenses (2) focus group meetings (3) officer considerations (4) 2007 M/B arrest statistics and (5) training.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) repeat offenders (2) thumbprint (3) number of citations before arrest and (4) instructions on how to appear before the County Court for suspects who receive a citation.

**A motion was made by Mr. Atkins to approve the Citations for Class B Misdemeanors Offense policy change. Mr. Caraway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

8. **No Refusal DWI Initiative (Informational Memo)**

**Presenter(s):** Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department

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

Deputy Chief Kirkpatrick updated the committee on the No Refusal DWI Initiative.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) customary practice for holidays.

9. **Dallas Police Department Recruiting (Informational Memo)**

**Presenter(s):** Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department

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

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) none

10. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Item for August 2008**

- Proposal to Accept the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) Grant Funds.

**A motion was made by Mr. Caraway to approve the upcoming city council agenda item and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on August 27, 2008 council agenda. Mr. Natinsky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

11. **Administrative Reports**

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

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

12. **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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Shun Session, Coordinator  
Public Safety Committee