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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: September 2, 2008

Convened: 12:35 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:01 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
Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR
Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Debra Carlin, DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

None

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 12:35 p.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for August 18, 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. Tour of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Center – 5000 Dolphin Rd.
*Transportation and lunch provided***

Presenter(s): Executive Assistant Chief Louie Bright III, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Deputy Chief Daniel Salazar, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The Public Safety Committee members departed for a tour of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Center located at 5000 Dolphin Road. Deputy Chief Salazar gave an overview to the Recruitment and Training. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) hiring and training and (2) professional development.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Berkshire study (2) status of discrimination development plan (3) recruit classes (4) number of applicants (5) number of firefighters trained to be paramedics (6) polygraph exam (7) projected turnover (8) percentage of firefighters eligible to retire per year (9) recruitment strategy for colleges (10) graduation ceremony (11) enhancing training hours and (12) physical ability test.

The tour was directed by Deputy Chief Daniel Salazar and Executive Assistant Chief Louie Bright, III. The forty acre training facility is the location of the training academy, the training administration building, clothing/supply warehouse, and maintenance repair shop. Highlights of the tour were as follows: (1) training academy was completed in 1987 and contains 17,000 square feet of classrooms, apparatus room and offices (2) driving course (3) flashover chamber (4) railroad tank car (5) 7 story commercial simulator (6) 3 story open drill tower and (7) residence simulator.

In addition the Training Administration building was completed in 1993 and contains 20,000 square feet. It houses the administrative offices, Personnel Division, Internal Affairs Division, Video Production Facility, In-service Training Offices, a Physical Fitness facility, and a 94 seat auditorium.

The Training Center was renamed the Dodd J. Miller Training Center in 2000 as a tribute to retired Chief Miller. Chief Miller's administration was responsible for the planning and development of the Training Center complex.

The Maintenance Shop was completed in 1987 and has 20,000 square feet, including 12 service bays used to repair both heavy equipment and light equipment. In addition to the Administrative offices, there is a Vehicle parts distribution Center and a covered apparatus parking area.

The Clothing and Supply Building was completed in 1991 and contains 20,000 square feet. It is the warehouse for station ware, protective clothing, EMS supplies, and station supplies.

This training center is also the home of the Dallas Fire Fighter Monument, listing the names of all firefighters who have died in the line of duty. The tour ended at 1:33 p.m. After the tour the committee reconvened in 6ES to adjourn.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

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

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee