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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: September 8, 2009

Convened: 12:33 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:00 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 Staff Present:

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Battalion Chief Billy Robinson, DFR
Donzell Gipson, Assistant Director, DFR
Pavala Armstrong, CAO

Committee Members Absent:

Guest(s)

Dr. Paul E. Pepe, Medical Director, EMS

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 12:33 p.m., Tuesday, September 28, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for August 17, 2009 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: **Tennell Atkins**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **David Neumann**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Investing in Public Safety: Dallas Fire-Rescue**

Presenter(s): Donzell Gipson, Assistant Director, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mr. Evans discussed the investments that were approved in the Fire-Rescue department as well as process improvements. Mr. Gipson provided the committee with an overview to the Investing in Public Safety: Dallas Fire-Rescue. The mission of Dallas Fire-Rescue is to prevent and suppress fires, educate and rescue citizens, provide emergency medical services, promote public safety and foster community relations. Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) targets of investment (2) leadership (3) Fire and Rescue equipment (4) Emergency Medical Services (5) recruit training (6) wellness-fitness (7) special operations (8) arson (9) emergency response (10) life safety & risk reduction (11) technology (12) facilities and (13) compensation.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) website feedback (2) citizens fire academy (3) self-contained breathing apparatus (4) thermal imaging cameras (5) task force personnel (6) 66,000 inspections and re-inspections annually (7) fire apparatus- equipment notes (8) transfer bomb squad from DPD (9) 4 additional Field Supervisors (10) ROC study (11) arson awareness program (12) fire safety education (13) fire pay plan (14) wellness/fitness ratings (15) ALS engines and (16) Battalion 10.

Follow up: The committee requested a future briefing on Emergency Preparedness.

4. **Succession Planning**

Presenter(s): Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Burns provided the committee with an overview to the Succession Planning. The purpose of the briefing is to address workforce development issues identified in the Fire efficiency study. To proactively address current vacancies and future staffing needs. To prepare members for promotion and leadership positions. Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) uniformed employees by age groupings (2) anticipated attrition (3) workforce status (4) proposed staffing plan (5) objectives of workforce development (6) entry level and (7) incumbent training.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) there were no recommendations given for this item.

5. **Explorer Program**

Presenter(s): Battalion Chief Billy Robinson, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Battalion Chief Robinson provided the committee with an overview to the Explorer Program. The Dallas Fire-Rescue Explorer Program is designed for young adults who are interested in firefighting and emergency medical services. The mission of the Explorer Program is to enable young people to become responsible individuals by teaching positive character traits, career development, leadership skills, social skills, and life skills.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) program originated (2) number of students in program (3) partnership with school districts outside City of Dallas (4) future plans on marketing and (5) community education.

6. **Administrative (Fire) Reports**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) cause of fire at 1426 Peavy Road (2) cause of fire at 8165 Greenspan Ave. (3) compliance and (4) fire debris.

7. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee