

Quality of Life & Government Services Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: September 11, 2012 **Convened:** 9:46 a.m. **Adjourned:** 11:01 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Briefing Presenters

Tom Perkins
City Attorney

Jimmy Martin
Director of Code Compliance

Staff Present:

Tom Perkins, Joey Zapata, Jimmy Martin, Lisa Christopherson, Jody Jones, Rita Hensley, Clifton Gillespie, Catherine McManus, Melissa Darwin-Betten

Guests:

Members of the Animal Shelter Commission: Jonnie England (Vice Chair), Patricia Cody, Judith Burnett

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of August 14, 2012 Minutes**

Presenter(s):

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made by the Chair to make the following amendments:

1. Change Ms. Greyson’s vote to “no” on Item 2 (Proposed Development Code Amendment To Window Sign Regulations) per Ms. Greyson’s request.
2. Change the signature line from “Sandy Greyson” to “Angela Hunt”

Motion made by: Angela Hunt

Motion seconded by: Mónica R. Alonzo

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion made by: Mónica R. Alonzo

Motion seconded by: Carolyn R. Davis

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. **Proposed Amendments to City’s Solicitation and Anti-Litter Ordinances**

Presenter(s): Tom Perkins

Closed Session

Attorney Briefing (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

- Legal issues involving proposed amendments to Chapters 7A and 42 of the Dallas City Code.

3. **Animal Services Update**

Presenter(s): Jimmy Martin, Jody Jones

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided a review of Animal Services operations, introduced key shelter staff, highlighted accomplishments to-date in FY11-12, and identified priorities and next steps for Animal Services.

Ms. Davis requested that Animal Services host a ball or gala at the shelter to showcase adoptable animals and encourage more pet adoptions.

Ms. Greyson and the Chair requested more information regarding how noisy animal complaints are handled.

The Chair indicated that the best news from the briefing was that the live release rates are up at the shelter.

The Animal Shelter Commission Vice Chair, Ms. England, expressed concerns related to staffing and the shelter's air conditioner.

The Chair requested a memo from staff with an overview of Animal Services staffing levels.

The Chair requested that the Commission chair and vice chair be notified two weeks in advance of the next Animal Services briefing to Quality of Life so that they may be present and provide feedback if needed.

Councilmember Angela Hunt

Chair