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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: September 16, 2008

Convened: 12:40 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:11 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, **Chair**
Jerry R. Allen
Tennell Atkins
Sheffie Kadane
Ron Natinsky
David Neumann
Mitchell Rasansky

City Staff Present:

Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David Kunkle, DPD
Assistant Chief Floyd Simpson, DPD
Deputy Chief Michael Genovesi, DPD
Deputy Chief Tom Lawrence, DPD
Jack Ireland, Director, EBS
Dewayne Jackson, Asst. Dir., EBS
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, **Vice-Chair**

Other Council Members Present:

Angela Hunt
Steve Salazar

Guests:

Dallas County Sheriff's Office

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 12:40 p.m., Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for September 2, 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: **David Neumann**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Ron Natinsky**

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) overall crime reduction is down 7.7% (2) violent crime is down 10% (3) homicide crime is down 25% (4) murder crime is down 26% and (5) residential burglaries continue increase.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) total index crimes (2) residential burglaries (3) beat policing (4) apartment owners (5) additional patrol officers (6) safe case on apartments (7) community prosecutor and (8) multi family ordinance.

Follow up: It was recommended that educational inserts be placed in the water bills to enlighten citizens with 10 tips on how to avoid crime.

4. **Homicide Report**

Presenter(s): Police Chief David M. Kunkle, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle 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) 64% of the murder victims are killed with handguns and (5) 29% residential murders out numbered the murders that took place in public places.

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

5. **Dallas Police Department Marked Squad Cars: Fleet Analysis**

Presenter(s): Jack Ireland, Director, Equipment & Building Services
Dewayne Jackson, Assistant Director, Equipment & Building Services
Assistant Chief Floyd Simpson, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mr. Ireland provided the committee with an overview of the Dallas Police Department Marked Squad Cars: Fleet Analysis. In addition to having enough officers to address Public Safety, Marked Squad cars and communication and mobile technology equipment that is installed in the cars is also a critical component. Marked Squad car availability is a function of 3 departments working together: DPD, EBS and CIS. Highlights of the presentation were as follows: (1) department responsibilities (2) additional fleet (3) marked squad inventory (4) replacement program (5) reserve for unavailability (6) solutions and (7) FY09 enhancements.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) timeline for storage (2) average age of vehicles not driven (3) south central fleet maintenance facility (4) total number of marked/unmarked vehicles assigned to DPD (5) number of vehicles in service (6) length of time vehicles in service and (7) mileage efficiency study recommended.

Follow up: The chair requested that the Dallas Police Department Marked Squad Cars: Fleet Analysis return to the committee with a monthly status update. In addition, DPD, EBS and CIS return in 6 months with an overall update.

6. **Legislative Proposal to Address Penalty for False Alarms (Informational Memo)**

Presenter(s): Police Chief David M. Kunkle, Dallas Police Department
Deputy Chief Michael Genovesi Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Deputy Chief Genovesi gave an overview of the Legislative Proposal to Address Penalty for False Alarms. On September 5, 2007, the Dallas City Council opted to repeal the use of verified response involving burglar alarms at commercial locations. In the course of discussions, the suggestion was made to examine the possibility of seeking changes to the State's Local Government Code during the upcoming legislative session. The idea is to allow municipalities to impose a financial penalty after one false alarm during a 12 month period instead of the current law, which allows three false alarms during a 12 month period prior to imposing a financial penalty.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) tier fee increase.

Follow up: The chair would like a memo on where the police department would like the Legislative Proposal to Address Penalty for False Alarms item be placed on the legislative agenda.

7. **Update on Dallas County Sheriff's Highway Management Plan**

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Tom Lawrence, Dallas Police Department
Dallas County Sheriff's Office

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Police Chief Kunkle gave an overview to the Dallas County Sheriff's Highway Management Plan. DSO assumes freeway responsibility in southern Dallas County January 14, 2008. Gradual assumption of enforcement and crash reporting responsibility beginning with I-20. Woodall Rodgers and Connectors to I-30 and all freeways south completed July 7, 2008.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) will county budget affect future plans (2) plans to move further north (3) additional bilingual officers on 2nd and 3rd shifts (4) pursuit policy.

Follow up: Diversity and pursuit policy update.

8. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Item for September 2008**

- a. Proposed Agreement with the IRS for Equitable Sharing from Asset Seizure and Forfeiture for the North Texas Asset Forfeiture Task Force
- b. Tobacco Compliance Grant (State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts)
- c. Police Department Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant 2008-2009

9. **Administrative Reports (New case presentation: #08-028)**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Calvin Cunigan, Dallas Police Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) resolution for under investigation cases.

10. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

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

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee