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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: November 2, 2009

Convened: 12:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:57 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
Assistant Chief Eugene Campbell, DFR
Assistant Chief Louie Bright, III, DRR
Kenny Shaw, Director, OEM
Rocky Vaz, Executive Officer, IGS
Lt. Jeff Cotner, DPD
Gloria Carter, Director, Courts
Martin Riojas, Assistant Director, Courts
Jarrell Travis, DFR
Sharon Pope, DFR
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

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 12:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for October 20, 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: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Delia Jasso**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Emergency Management and Homeland Security Overview**

Presenter(s): Kenny Shaw, Director, OEM
Rocky Vaz, Executive Officer, IGS
Assistant Chief Eugene Campbell, DFR
Lt. Jeff Cotner, DPD

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mr. Evans gave an overview of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Mr. Shaw provided the committee with highlights of the Emergency Management program as follows: (1) purpose (2) history (3) four phases of emergency management (4) key programs and projects (5) CERT and (6) EOC activation. Mr. Vaz provided the committee with highlights of the Homeland Security Grants program as follows: (1) four grant programs (2) grant process (3) regional strategy (4) City of Dallas projects and (5) FY2009 funding and projects. Assistant Chief Campbell gave an overview to Dallas Fire-Rescue Homeland Security Bureau as follows: (1) purpose & direction (2) USAR (3) SwiftWater (4) Hazmat (5) Wildland and (6) ARFF – Aircraft Rescue Firefighting. Lt. Cotner provided the committee with an overview to the Dallas Police Department Homeland Security Operations as follows: (1) assessment of targeting/weapons (2) North Texas Joint Terrorism Task Force (3) DPD mobile command post (4) armored personnel carrier (5) love field police unit (6) fusion center and (7) response to the homeland security advisory system.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) level red (2) bomb squad (3) mobile medical unit (4) Tier I (5) plans for a catastrophe (6) strategy of funds to get allocated (7) public education and (8) mobile command post.

Follow up: The committee requested a tour of the Dallas Police Department Fusion Center and the Mobile Command Unit.

4. **Scofflaw Vehicle Registration Denial Program**

Presenter(s): Gloria Carter, Director, Court & Detention Services
Martin Riojas, Assistant Director, Court & Detention Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Ms. Carter gave an overview of the Scofflaw Vehicle Registration Denial Program. Scofflaw is (1) one who habitually violates the law or fails to answer court summonses and (2) the owner of a vehicle who has an outstanding warrant from that municipality for failure to appear, or failure to pay a fine on a complaint that involves the violation of a traffic law. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) purpose (2) timeline of Dallas County Program (3) implementation costs/revenue (4) process and (5) next steps.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) unpaid traffic violations (2) provide citizens information on ways to pay their fine (3) Dallas County "Wanted" website (4) number of scofflaw cases (5) number of citations per year (6) cost for warrant roundups (7) costs/revenue (8) county & city partnership and (9) communications charges.

5. **Maintenance Division Overview**

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Louie Bright, III, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Jarrell Travis and Sharon Pope, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Assistant Chief Bright provided the committee with information related to the daily operations of the Maintenance Division and its various job functions. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) staff (2) fleet maintenance (3) facility coordination (4) station maintenance (5) clothing & supply and (6) environmental project.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) status of 2006 bond program funding stations and (2) tour of fire stations in District 1.

6. **Administrative Reports**

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

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) No recommendation was given for this item.

7. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee