

# Quality of Life & Environment Committee Meeting Record

**DRAFT**

**Meeting Date:** November 10, 2014      **Convended:** 9:25 a.m.      **Adjourned:** 11:02 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Dwaine R. Caraway, Chair  
Sandy Greyson, Vice Chair  
Adam Medrano  
Rick Callahan  
Carolyn R. Davis

**Members Absent:**

Lee M. Kleinman

**Briefing Presenters**

Catrina Shead  
Deputy Chief, Dallas Police  
Department

Kris Sweckard  
Director, Code Compliance

Jody Jones  
Program Manager, Dallas  
Animal Services

**Staff Present:**

Joey Zapata, Michael Genovesi, Rita Hammelman, Tammy Palomino, Eric Izuora, Priscylla Bento

**Special Guests:**

**AGENDA:**

1. **Approval of October 27, 2014 Minutes**

**Presenter(s):**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 27, 2014

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

**Motion made by:** Rick Callahan

**Motion seconded by:** Adam Medrano

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

2. **Noise and Panhandling Ordinances and Enforcement**

**Presenter(s):**

Catrina Shead

**Information Only**

This briefing provided the committee information on current noise and panhandling ordinances, and detailed enforcement strategies used by the Dallas Police Department.

Committee members requested for staff to provide an updated cost estimate for a gunfire detection system and a follow-up briefing for improved enforcement of panhandling violations.

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

**Motion made by:**

**Motion seconded by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**3. Noise Disturbances by Animals**

**Presenter(s):**

Kris Sweckard & Jody Jones

**Information Only**



This briefing provided the committee a review of the current situation and process for Dallas Animal Services' handling of noisy and prohibited animals.

The Committee requested a draft ordinance for consideration in January 2015 that reviews the 15 minute standard for a noise violation; the standard for provoked disturbances by animals; and the requirement for two additional, non-related witnesses.

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

**Motion made by:**

**Motion seconded by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**



**Item passed on a divided vote:**



**Item failed unanimously:**



**Item failed on a divided vote:**



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**Councilmember Dwaine R. Caraway**

Chair