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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, June 23, 2014

Convened: 11:09 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Councilmember Sheffie Kadane, **Chair**
Councilmember Adam Medrano, **Vice-Chair**
Councilmember Dwaine Caraway
Councilmember Jennifer Gates
Councilmember Sandy Greyson
Councilmember Scott Griggs

Executive Staff Present:

Ryan S. Evans, Interim First Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David O. Brown, DPD
Assistant Chief Randall Blankenbaker
Deputy Chief Christina Smith, DPD
Deputy Chief Jesse Reyes, DPD
Dennis Ware, Director, Street Services
Auro Majumdar, Assistant Director, Street Services

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Sheffie Kadane, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee Chair Kadane called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:09 a.m., Monday, June 23, 2014 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for June 9, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Sheffie Kadane, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Councilmember Greyson**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Seconded by: **Councilmember Medrano**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Dallas Police Department Crime Report**

Presenter: Chief of Police David O. Brown, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the committee with a progress report of the Police Department index crime year to date.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Records Management System update
- Backlog challenge
- Case filing (3 day policy)
- Jail population
- Narcotics analysis

- Narcotic case filings
- Narcotics arrest
- Amount of drugs seized
- Driving While Intoxicated stats
- Part II Offenses
- Occupational injury
- Simple assault
- Lost & Found
- Aggravated assault
- Trafficking
- Detectives

4. **Proposed Amendment to Chapter 51A, Section 9.401 of Dallas City Code**

Presenter: Dennis Ware, Director, Street Services

Auro Majumdar, Assistant Director, Street Services

The purpose of this briefing is to review a potential amendment to Section 51A-9.401 of the Dallas City Code.

Section 51A-9.401 of the Dallas City Code requires that a petition for a four-way/all-way stop on a residential intersection should be supported by at least two-thirds of the owners or tenants residing within 900 feet of the intersection at issue. The potential amendment proposes that the 900 feet requirement be reduced to 300 feet.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Where did the 900 feet originally come from and why did staff think it was a good distance?
- Warrant Analysis
- Petition Process

A motion was made by Councilmember Griggs to support the Proposed Amendment to Chapter 51A, Section 9.401 of Dallas City Code and move the item forward to full council. Councilmember Medrano seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

5. **Crime Watch Organizations**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Jesse Reyes, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the committee with an outline of Crime Watch Organizations.

- A Crime Watch is a partnership of neighbors working together to make their communities safer
 - Works closely with the police department and other local organizations to reduce crime
 - Promotes knowing neighbors to build a strong community
 - Aims to help people be familiar with their surroundings and identify what is out of place

The objectives of Crime Watch Groups:

- Prevent crime by creating and maintaining a caring community
- Reduce opportunities for crime by increasing crime prevention awareness
- Assist the police with prompt reporting of suspicious and criminal activity
- Provide effective communication between the police department and community through crime watch meetings, social media, and community events

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The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Crime Watch Organizations by district
- Social Media component
- Dallas Police Department blog
- Data of areas in need of crime watches by district
- Chief on the Beat

6. **Identification and Utilization of Department Equipment**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Christina Smith, Dallas Police Department

This item was not briefed to the committee. It will return to the Public Safety Committee on a future agenda.

The June 23, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Sheffie Kadane, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee