

# Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

**Meeting Date:** Monday, May 22, 2017

**Convened:** 11:05 A.M. **Adjourned:** 12:17 P.M.

**Committee Members Present:**

Council Member Adam Medrano, Chair  
Council Member B. Adam McGough, Vice Chair  
Council Member Sandy Greyson  
Council Member Tiffinni A. Young  
Council Member Jennifer S. Gates  
Council Member Philip T. Kingston

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Other Council Members Present:**

**Staff Present:**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax, CMO  
Interim Chief of Police David Pughes, DPD  
Assistant Chief Paul Stokes, DPD  
Assistant Chief Santos Cadena, DPD  
Assistant Chief Tammie Hughes, DPD  
Assistant Chief John Lawton, DPD

Deputy Chief Jesse Reyes, DPD  
Cheritta Johnson, Interim Chief of Community Services  
Manager Charletra Sharp, HOU  
Sr. IT Manager Cornell Perry, CIS  
Deputy Chief Gilberto Garza, DPD

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order**

**1. Approval of Minutes from the May 8, 2017 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Presenter(s):** Council Member Adam Medrano, Chair

**Information Only:**

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

A motion was made to approve the May 8, 2017 minutes.

**Motion made by:** CM Young

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Kingston

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**2. Monthly Crime Report**

**Presenter(s):** Interim Chief of Police David Pughes, DPD

**Information Only:**

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

This briefing provided the committee with an update on the year to date crime report for January 1 – May 8, 2017 and the month to month crime report for May 1-8, 2017. CM Young would like to know what efforts are in place as it relates to crime (gang activity/murder) for the area of Elsie Fay Huggins Street at Malcom X Boulevard and other areas in her district like Blair Park and the car wash; Deputy Chief Hale will meet to discuss. CM Young also requested an update on Tiger Cabrera and if it can be included in the Nuisance Risk Abatement program; Assistant Chief Stokes will report back. An additional concern of hers is the continued random gunfire in her district. Chief Pughes will also have staff provide CM Young with a report on drive by shootings in her district which will include a map to show where they are occurring and Assistant Chief Stokes will make sure CM Young continues to receive the random gunfire map.

CM McGough was concerned that the department wasn't meeting their service level goal for 911 but Chief Pughes stated that for the month of May the department was at 91.27% and believe they will be able to continue meeting their goal of 90%. Chief Pughes also provided an update on the idea of rehiring retirees and mentioned that it is still an ongoing process. There are three factors to consider: PER, CAO, and the Pension Board in which all have to be on board with the idea and create a plan. As it relates to the rotation of NPO's this will be something Chief Pughes will have to reevaluate. There were two locations listed as closed on the Nuisance Risk Abatement report that were in CM Greyson's district. She would like staff to report back with the names of those two apartment complexes and an update on the one listed at 19019 Midway Road.

**Motion made by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

### **3. National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)**

**Presenter(s):** Assistant Chief John Lawton, DPD

**Information Only:**

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

This briefing provided the committee with an overview of NIBRS and the departments transition from Uniformed Crime Reports (UCR) to NIBRS. CM Gates wanted to know how will DPD be able to report trending from year to year and will the new system impacts the citizen's ability to pull reports. DPD will continue to use both reporting systems for the next couple of years and the citizen will be able to access both systems. CM Kingston stated that one of the concerns from the public with using an incident based reporting system is if it could adequately capture data related to a crime spree, e.g., eight burglarized motor vehicles. Will this be counted as eight or one? Staff stated that this will be categorized as one but will still have the other offenses. CM Kingston also thinks it's a great idea to use both reporting systems so we can see the actual effect but would like to see if we could create a metric that shows the Committee/Council a victim based reporting system. Action on this was taken during the upcoming agenda item(s) portion of the meeting.

**Motion made by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

### **4. Pilot Panhandling Initiative**

**Presenter(s):** Interim Chief of Community Services Cheritta Johnson

**Information Only:**

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

Staff provided the Committee with a briefing memo that provided information on the Pilot Panhandling Initiative with The Way Back House and the upcoming agenda item to be considered. CM McGough asks questions relating to the target areas, outreach goal, process for interaction, funding, and what type of work will be performed which staffed addressed. He also would like some background/history information on the company and data; staff will provide. CM Young expressed her disappointment in not having a briefing on this contract and will not be supporting this request to move forward without the background information. She also asked why was there a staffing agency by the name of Abba Staffing listed in the BID. Staff will look into this and follow-up.

CM Gates was concerned about the low number of bids. She would like this to be brought back to the PSC towards the end of the 6-month contract to review the reports submitted by The Way Back House. CM Greyson wanted to know what happens when a panhandler doesn't accept the help being offered. The effort will continue by trying to connect them to the right resources. To join the program the panhandlers will have to be willing participants. CM Kingston asked that as we go through this first contract we look at focusing efforts in different parts of the City not just by the SR's submitted/received. Not all areas are proactively using the 311 system but still have a huge panhandling problem. CM McGough believes that this effort isn't going to accomplish our goal in reducing panhandling and is not supportive. Action on this was taken during the upcoming agenda item(s) portion of the meeting.

**Motion made by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**5. Administrative (Police) Reports**

**Presenter(s):** Major William Griffith, DPD

**Information Only:**

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

Staff provided the committee with an informational memo on cases: Control #2017-085 and Control #2017-086.

**Motion made by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**6. Upcoming Agenda Item(s)**

**Presenter(s):** Council Member Adam Medrano, Chair

**Information Only:**

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

CM Greyson questioned why we are deleting the provision that requires the posting of the trespass affidavit in upcoming agenda item G regarding the ordinance amending the Dallas City Code, Chapter 12B Convenience Stores. She would like this information before Wednesday; staff will look into this and responded as requested. A motion was made to move the May 24<sup>th</sup> upcoming agenda items forward without recommendation to full Council.

**Motion made by:** CM Kingston

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Greyson

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Adam Medrano, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Crystal Lee, Coordinator  
Public Safety Committee