

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 25, 2019

Convened: 11:02 A.M.

Adjourned: 12:48 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair
Council Member Philip T. Kingston, Vice Chair
Council Member Jennifer S. Gates
Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano
Council Member Sandy Greyson
Council Member Kevin Felder
Council Member Carolyn King Arnold

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Council Member Tennell Atkins

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. February 11, 2019 PSCJ Committee Meeting Minutes

Presenter(s): Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the February 11, 2019 meeting minutes.

Motion made by: CM Greyson

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Arnold

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Staff Recognitions

Presenter(s): Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): On Monday, February 25, 2019, Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune, verbally recognized the Dallas Police Department Gang Unit for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments. Staff wanted to begin the meeting by increasing engagement, identifying excellence, and showing staff their appreciation.

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. Narcotics Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Overview

Presenter(s): Chief U. Renee Hall, Dallas Police Department (DPD), Major Max Geron, DPD, Chris Caso, Interim City Attorney, Brittany Burrell Assistant Director, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Following an end of the year discussion at full council regarding confiscated funds, Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall, provided a civil asset forfeiture overview of drug enforcement activity that leads to seizures, and reviewed the current status of the Dallas Police

Department's seizure program. Data related to the arrests, operations, and weapons seized in narcotics activity was provided in the presentation. Interim City Attorney Chris Caso briefed the committee regarding past and recent cases concerning civil forfeitures.

Council Member Philip Kingston moved to direct the City Manager to place an action item on the next available full council agenda to consider rejecting civil asset forfeiture funds. This motion failed due to lack of majority vote.

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:

4. Dallas Fire-Rescue Strategic Initiatives

Presenter(s): Chief Dominique Artis, Dallas Fire-Rescue
Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Dallas Fire-Rescue Chief Artis, presented the committee with the FY 2017-2018 Accomplishments and outlined the following strategic priorities for 2019:

- Improve Citizen and Firefighter Safety
- Executive Officer Development/Succession Planning
- Mental Health and Wellness Enhancements
- Service Delivery Improvements
- Continue to Improve Community Relationships

5. Office of Emergency Management Strategic Initiatives

Presenter(s): Rocky Vaz, Office of Emergency Management Director
Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Director Rocky Vaz briefed the committee on the FY 2017-2018 accomplishments and presented the 2019 strategic priorities to include:

- Operational readiness by conducting 12 joint training exercises
- Enhance Continuity of Operations Program (COOP) by completing drills
- Conduct week-long full scale EOC training to ensure familiarity and depth for positions
- Expand internal notification system registrants by 100%
- Conduct a full test of wireless emergency Alerts (WEA) System
- Develop new external partnerships to build capability to meet residents needs following emergency events
- Develop eight hazard specific playbooks for guiding operations during emergency events

5. Committee Action Matrix

Presenter(s): ACM Jon Fortune, CMO
Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the Committee with responses to the requests/questions asked during previous Committee meetings along with an updated action matrix. No discussion took place.

Adjourned: 12:47pm

Reconvened: 12:48pm

6. Upcoming Agenda Item

Presenter(s): ACM Jon Fortune, CMO

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Councilmember Greyson questioned why the Dallas Police Department would purchase squad cars without partitions. Staff will provide response at a later time.

Adjourned: 12:48pm

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

B. Adam McGough, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

Victoria Cruz, Coordinator
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

DRAFT