

## Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Monday, April 8, 2019

**Convened:** 11:04 A.M.

**Adjourned:** 12:22 P.M.

**Committee Members Present:**

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

**Committee Members Absent:**

Council Member Jennifer S. Gates  
Council Member Sandy Greyson

**Other Council Members Present:**

CM Rickey Callahan

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order**

**1. March 25, 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 March 25, 2019 meeting minutes.

**Motion made by:** MPT Thomas

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Felder

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**2. Upcoming Agenda Item**

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

**Information Only:**

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

A motion was made to approve Agenda Item #37 forward to full council.

**Motion made by:** MPT Thomas

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Felder

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**3. Staff Recognition**

**Presenter(s):** Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune verbally recognized several Dallas Police Officers and Dallas Fire-Rescue officers for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments on a unified response. Staff wanted to begin the committee meeting by increasing engagement, identifying excellence and showing staff our 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:**

#### **4. Community Prosecution Update**

**Presenter(s):** Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager, Chris Caso, Interim City Attorney, Jill Haning, Chief of Community Prosecution

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** On April 8, 2019 staff briefed the committee on an overview of community prosecution, the purpose, mission, and history. Staff also provided a process overview, the process for individual cases and responsibilities of the team. Councilmembers expressed concern on the lack of communication on who their assigned prosecutors are and what their role and purpose is. Staff will be providing a more proactive approach to be more involved in the community and provide council with an updated listing of District Community Prosecutors.

**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. Mobile Surveillance - BMV/UUMV Strategies using Technology**

**Presenter(s):** Chief Angela Shaw, Dallas Police Department

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Assistant Chief Angela Shaw briefed the committee on the current Mobile Surveillance program and discussed the standard vehicles that are equipped with cameras, sensors, activators and multiple live streaming cameras. These vehicles also contain various property items that are equipped with tracking devices. These vehicles are used to help combat Burglary of Motor Vehicle (BMV) offenses and Auto Thefts. Questions were raised regarding the placement on the vehicles. Staff stressed that these vehicles are in all divisions based on crime trends.

#### **6. Overview of Dallas Police Department Gang Unit**

**Presenter(s):** Chief U. Renee Hall, Chief David Pughes, Lieutenant David Davis, Dallas Police Department

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Lieutenant David Davis briefed the committee on an overview of the Dallas Police Department's Gang Unit. The Gang Unit is charged with the responsibility of identifying and tracking both juvenile and adult criminal street gangs, their members, and gang related crimes as they occur throughout the City of Dallas. In addition to tracking gang related activity, the Gang Unit participates in extensive community involvement, briefs patrol officers on gang related information, and collaborates with multiple local, state, and federal agencies.

#### **8. Committee Action Matrix**

**Presenter(s):** Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** No questions/comments were raised about this item.

**Adjourned: 12:22pm**

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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

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Victoria Cruz, Coordinator  
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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