

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 22, 2019

Convened: 11:08 A.M.

Adjourned: 12:32 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair
Council Member Philip T. Kingston, Vice Chair
Council Member Jennifer 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:

CM Rickey Callahan
CM Lee Kleinman

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. April 8, 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 April 8, 2019 meeting minutes.

Motion made by: MPT Thomas

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM King Arnold

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Public Safety Dashboards

Presenter(s): Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Councilmember Carolyn King Arnold wanted to recognize DFR and the great work they did on a home explosion in District 4. Firefighters provided a thorough investigation and quality of life service to that family. Councilmember Kingston questioned the clearance rates especially on crimes against persons provided on the DPD Dashboard. Chief Hall responded that these numbers are not alarming as DPD is on track given the time of year. A question was raised regarding hiring numbers, Chief Hall responded that the department is on track with hiring.

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. Dallas County District Attorney Conversation

Presenter(s): District Attorney John Creuzot, Dallas County

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

District Attorney John Creuzot presented the council with his 2019 new reform initiatives and policies. In initiating these changes, his goal is to reduce recidivism, save tax payer money, reduce mass incarceration, fix a broken criminal justice system, and put new reform policies in place including working with state legislators on new senate and house bills. Councilmembers asked various questions related to criminal trespass, drug possession, and the impact the reforms would have on businesses. Chief Hall closed the conversation by stating that DPD and the county still have some conversations to have, but the goal is to make sure the City of Dallas is safe and a place where businesses can thrive.

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. Committee Action Matrix

Presenter(s): Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): No discussion took place.

5. National Police Week, May 13-16, 2019

Presenter(s): Chief Hall, Dallas Police Department

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): No discussion took place

6. Dallas Police Department Boat Donation

Presenter(s): Chief U. Renee Hall, Dallas Police Department

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): No discussion took place.

8. Dallas Fire-Rescue Blocker Program

Presenter(s): Chief Hall, Dallas Police Department

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): No discussion took place.

Adjourned: 12:32pm

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

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

Victoria Cruz, Coordinator
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee