

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Record

Meeting Date: Monday, September 25, 2017

Convened: 11:02 A.M. **Adjourned:** 11:50 A.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 Dwaine R. Caraway
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano
Council Member Sandy Greyson
Council Member Kevin Felder

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Staff Present:

Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune, CMO
Fire Chief David Coatney, DFR

Deputy Chief Eric Beal, DFR
Assistant Chief Dominique Artis, DFR

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes from the September 11, 2017 PSCJ Committee Meeting

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

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the September 11, 2017 minutes.

Motion made by: CM Greyson

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: Vice Chair Kingston

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Statistical Data / Administrative (Fire) Reports

Presenter(s): Fire Chief David Coatney, DFR

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

An informational memo was provided to the committee that included a brief description of statistical data and fire incidents during the period of July 31, 2017 – August 27, 2017.

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. DFR Accomplishments and Strategic Direction

Presenter(s): Fire Chief David Coatney, DFR

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with information on the department's goals and accomplishments. Discussed certain programs that have been enhanced and/or produced cost avoidance and overall provided DFRs strategic direction. CM Felder had a constituent question the availability of an extractor machine at Station No. 53. Staff explained that each station in a district doesn't have an extractor machine but there is a station in each district that does. The department is looking into ways to expand the availability of this machine. Training is ongoing to bring awareness on when and how to use the equipment to limit the exposures of Cancer.

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. Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Action Matrix

Presenter(s): Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the committee with responses to the requests/questions asked during the Monday, September 11, 2017 Committee Meeting along with an updated action matrix. CM Greyson would like to see a stand-alone public awareness campaign that is aimed at discouraging giving money to panhandlers. Due to the size of the proposed campaign, she is afraid this specific message is going to get lost. Chair McGough also mentioned that the City needs to get in touch with our faith leaders and have this message delivered to help bring awareness.

Chair McGough also would like to include the following three items for discussion: how are we using cameras in crime hot spot areas, why can't the City get a dedicated County employee to improve the time it takes our officers to book at the jail, and TABC not partnering with the City on a number of issues primarily issuing licensees when there is a specific hold/protest from the City at specific locations, e.g., to a dollar store located next to a church (how do we communicate better).

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. Upcoming Agenda Item(s)

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

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

CM Felder questioned the procurement process via the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments and the M/WBE participation for Agenda Item No. 5. Staff from Purchasing will follow up and provide the requested information before the September 27th Council Agenda. A motion was made to move these upcoming agenda items forward with recommendation to full Council. Motioned passed with CM Felder voting against.

Motion made by: MPT Caraway

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:

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

Crystal Lee, Coordinator
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee