

# Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Monday, October 08, 2018

**Convened:** 11:02 A.M.

**Adjourned:** 11:49 A.M.

**Committee Members Present:**

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

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Other Council Members Present:**

Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order**

**1. September 24, 2018 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 September 24, 2018 meeting minutes.

**Motion made by:** CM Greyson

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Medrano

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**2. New Process to Report Class C Family Violence Convictions to DPS**

**Presenter(s):** Gary Lindsey, City Marshal/Assistant Director Dallas

Marshal's Office

**Information Only:**

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

Staff briefed the committee on the Municipal Court's program to begin reporting Class C family violence convictions to the Department of Public Safety. This program will allow for the penalty enhancement of any additional family violence offenses and disqualify the individual from the purchase of possession of a firearm. This presentation gave an overview of the family violence conviction reporting process, the benefits of the program, its purpose, background, and the next steps. City Marshal indicated over the last three or four years there have been 2200 cases that were filed in municipal court.

**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. Request to Initiate a Compliance Date for Nonconforming Use**

**Presenter(s):** Kris Sweckard, Director, Sustainable Development & Construction

**Information Only:**

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

The committee was briefed on the Request to Initiate a Compliance Date for a Nonconforming Use in discussion of a resolution requesting the Board of Adjustment to authorize compliance proceedings for Jim's Car Wash, located at 2702 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. The owner of the car wash was present, he was allowed time to speak and comment. Mr. Davenport stated he has worked with the City of Dallas for the last 25 years adhering to all rules and is open to questions by council and staff. This briefing was a source of a five-signature memo as an upcoming agenda item for the October 24, 2018 council agenda meeting. Director Sweckard then began the briefing emphasizing he would be discussing the process for initiating a compliance date for a nonconforming use to prepare members for the upcoming agenda item. Councilmember Felder expressed concerns about the safety of the location and numerous cars at the location during non-business hours.

**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. RIGHT Care Program Update**

**Presenter(s):** DFR Assistant Chief Daniel Salazar, Kurtis Young, Parkland, Dr. Marshal Isaacs, DFR Medical Director, DFR Chief David Coatney

**Information Only:**

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

Staff briefed the committee on the Rapid Integrated Group Healthcare Team (RIGHT) Interdisciplinary Pilot Program. This is a three-year grant funded program supported by the W.W. Caruth Jr. Foundation with Meadows Health Policy Institute oversight. The program was launched on Monday, January 29, 2018, as a multidisciplinary emergency response team to manage individuals experiencing behavioral health crisis in the Dallas Police South Central District. The response team includes a DFR paramedic, DPD Police officer and Parkland Hospital Mental Health clinician. All team members have received special training. Some of the objectives include hospital and emergency room diversion for behavioral health patients as well as linking these individuals to specialized care aimed at treating their condition. Staff discussed the program data and success stories arising from RIGHT Care response. This program has received national attention as Stakeholders-State/National level-interested individuals such as U.S. congressional members Senator John Cornyn and Pete Sessions who have visited Dallas to be briefed on how RIGHT Care functions and its impact to public safety. Councilmember Greyson asked about program extension beyond South Central, Chief Coatney responded DFR intends to bring this forward in the next budget cycle for expansion of the program. Using measurements in coordination with Dallas Police, the team intends to find out where the next focus area(s) would be.

**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. Committee Action Matrix**

**Presenter(s):** ACM Jon Fortune, City Manager's Office  
**Information Only:** ☒

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Councilmember Kingston expressed concerns about the Strategic Implementation and Accountability Plan for the Dallas Police Department's New Vice Unit memorandum that was posted October 5, 2018. ACM Fortune responded staff would add a vice briefing on a future committee date. Councilmember Felder asked a question relating to Vice, however, due to open meetings act staff could not provide the answer in committee but will provide to him at a later time.

**APPROVED BY:**

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

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**ATTEST:**

Victoria Cruz, Coordinator  
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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