

# Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Record

**Meeting Date:** Monday, October 9, 2017

**Convened:** 11:02 A.M. **Adjourned:** 12:21 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 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  
Police Chief Renee Hall, DPD  
Fire Chief David Coatney, DFR

Executive Assistant Chief David Pughes, DPD  
Interim Director Ryan Rogers, DAS

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order**

**1. Approval of Minutes from the September 25, 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 25, 2017 minutes.

**Motion made by:** DMPT Medrano

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Greyson

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**2. Monthly Crime Report**

**Presenter(s):** Police Chief Renee Hall, DPD

**Information Only:**

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

This briefing provided the committee with an update on the year to date crime report for January 1 – September 25, 2017 and the month to month crime report for September 1-25, 2017. In an effort to control business robberies, sign in sheets have been placed at certain business who have been targeted. Patrol will be required to sign in which will create a police presence and help reduce these robberies. Chief Hall also mentioned that she has a meeting with the DA to identify alternatives to deal with juveniles. This stems from the juveniles being released before DPD can finish the paperwork. Chief Pughes will lead a new initiative, Apartment Complex Watch, due to the increase of crime in and around apartment complexes. What currently has been done to help in the enforcement is the placement of Bike Patrols. DPD's goal is to have a minimum of 5 Bike Patrols in each subdivision. The Citizen Advisory Boards is scheduled to begin November 1, 2017.

CM Felder would like to place a camera trailer at the car washes located at MLK Jr., Malcolm X, and on Elsie Faye Heggins between Spring and Scyene. He stated that he never received an update/status regarding a drive-by shooting involving an 8-year old boy on Elsie Faye Heggins. CM Felder also reported an increase in random gunfire in his district and large groups of cars (50+) going into Town Crossing Shopping Center every Sunday doing donuts, firing guns/automatic weapons, etc. He would also like a camera trailer at this location as well. He is also requesting DPD's assistance in forming additional V.I.P.'s, HOA's and Crime Watches in his district. MPT Caraway mentioned that has a "new drag strip" in his district at 310 @ Linfield Rd and would like further discussion on a shots fired detection system.

**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. Public Safety Dashboard**

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

**Information Only:**

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

Staff provided the Committee with a draft view of the Public Safety Dashboard in order to provide a comprehensive snap shot of performance measures, critical areas of concerns, and staffing levels each month. CM Gates would like to see year to date data and stated that the clearance rate information is confusing. Would like to see a note on how the rate would get above 100%. Felder hasn't received contact from the subdivisions in his district so he can provide (15) names to include on the Citizen Advisory Board and asked that they do.

**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. Local Cooperation – DART Rail Stations**

**Presenter(s):** Police Chief Renee Hall, DPD

**Information Only:**

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

This briefing provided the committee with information on DPD's collaboration with organizations such as DDI, DART, DCCCD, DISD and others to discuss public safety and quality of life concerns at high density crime areas near DART rail stations. A new action that has been put in place is a Compstat Procession so each organization/entity involved in this collaboration knows what's going on and will be able to deploy their resources to the areas in need. MPT Caraway believes that the West End is the distribution point for the K2 and the other locations mentioned that have high drug complaints/calls (8<sup>th</sup> & Corinth, Morrell, Kiest & Lancaster) are all in his district. He would like to suggest a "Zero Tolerance Plan", just like what was done on Crest Avenue between Illinois Avenue and E. Elmore Avenue, put in place at the West End. He would also like to meet with all the chief's in this collaboration to discuss and develop a plan. He is also requesting the ethnicity of the individuals that are hanging out along with the name of the businesses that surround the area that are selling the cigarettes and other products that are complementing the use of K2 to possibly suspend the operations of selling certain products until this problem is under control.

DMPT Medrano expressed his concern with the high numbers in Deep Ellum and wants to make sure this area is included. CM Greyson would like to bring back to the committee the briefing Michael Miles with DART Police offered once their Board has been briefed. This will help in the coordination with DART. Vice Chair Kingston feels we have structural challenges that are not enforcement problems within the CBD. Chief Hall explained that if there is an incident on DART property then it's DART's responsibility. If an incident happens off DART property and in the surrounding area it becomes DPD's responsibility. All the other organizations assist DPD in enforcement due to the lack of resources. Chair McGough would like to know how are we working with the Dallas County Sherriff's Office. Chief Hall stated that the Sherriff's office wasn't a part of this discussion but will reach out to include them going forward. He would also like to attend an upcoming Compstat Meeting if he's available.

**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. 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 25, 2017 Committee Meeting along with an updated action matrix. CM Greyson expressed her request again about creating a stand-alone public awareness campaign that is aimed at discouraging giving money to panhandlers.

**Motion made by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**6. Upcoming Agenda Item(s)**

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

**Information Only:**

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

A motion was made to move this upcoming agenda items forward with recommendation to full Council.

**Motion made by:** CM Greyson

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** DMPT Medrano

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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

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Crystal Lee, Coordinator  
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee