

# Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Monday, October 22, 2018

**Convened:** 11:04 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 Casey Thomas  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano  
Council Member Sandy Greyson  
Council Member Kevin Felder

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Other Council Members Present:**

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order**

**1. October 08, 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 October 08, 2018 meeting minutes.

**Motion made by:** CM Medrano

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Gates

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**2. Public Safety Dashboards**

**Presenter(s):** Jon Fortune, City Manager's Office, David Pughes, Executive Assistant Chief, Dallas Police Department, Ted Padgett, Chief of Staff – Assistant Chief, Dallas Fire-Rescue

**Information Only:**

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

Staff briefed the committee on the September 2018 Public Safety Dashboards for the Dallas Police, Fire-Rescue, and the Court and Detention Services Departments. The dashboards are intended to provide a comprehensive snap shot of performance measures, critical areas of concerns and staffing levels each month. At the committee's request, the September police dashboard incorporated the NIBRS data to include the breakout of domestic violence incidents, clearance rates and animal cruelty offenses. Staff noted that since NIBRS is new, we cannot accurately compare 2017 to 2018 data. Chief Padgett with Dallas Fire-Rescue highlighted the spike in smoke detector installations for September. Councilmembers did not have any questions for Fire or Courts.

**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. Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) for Public Safety**

**Presenter(s):** Paul Stokes, Assistant Chief, Dallas Police Department

**Information Only:**

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

Assistant Chief Paul Stokes briefed the committee on Small Unmanned Aerials Systems (sUAS) and the police department's request to initiate a proof of concept sUAS program. The presentation provided an overview of sUAS, their purpose, capabilities and limitations. The goal was to provide council with an indication of emerging technology that will greatly enhance public safety. Questions began with asking about the life expectancy of the drones. As this is an emerging technology the life expectancy is an estimate at this point. The briefing concluded with a conversation around price. Since more vendors are entering this field, DPD foresees the price of the drones decreasing and the technology increasing with time. DPD recommends the establishment of a "proof of concept" program and to allow for future budget considerations.

**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 Courts Update**

**Presenter(s):** Dianne Gibson, Community Courts Section Head, City Attorney's Office,  
Chris Caso, Interim City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

**Information Only:**

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

Staff provided the committee with an update on Community Courts. The presentation gave an overview of the program, performance, funding, Vickery Meadow, Homeless Court and Youth Commission. The goal of the presentation was to provide Council with an overview of programs that reduce barriers that make it more difficult for an individual to address their underlying issues that lead to criminogenic behaviors through a concentrated effort of collaboration with City departments, local non-profits, and other governmental entities. Mental Health questions were raised, one of the city's partners, the executive director of Homeward Bound spoke about the detoxification process offered for individuals with substance abuse disorder; they also have mental health staff that provides clinical resources to those individuals to include medication and outpatient counselors. Aside from keeping up with issuing more citations, and those initiatives, Ms. Gibson expressed the need for internal communications with the City and non-profits, so resources can best fit the needs of the city.

**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):** The matrix provided the status of police substation improvements. A memo on Dallas Fire-Rescue Watch Operations was provided, a detailed briefing will be given at a future date.

## **5. Upcoming Agenda Items**

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

**Information Online:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** There was a question about Item #25, related to the lease agreement with EdCor Health Initiatives. Concluding the meeting, it was requested to link items on the agenda separately. The public safety meeting on November 12, 2018 has been canceled due to the Veterans Day Parade and events.

**APPROVED BY:**

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

**ATTEST:**

Victoria Cruz, Coordinator  
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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