

Quality of Life & Environment Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: April 25, 2016

Convened: 9:15 AM

Adjourned: 10:58 AM

Members Present:

Sandy Greyson (Chair)
Rickey D. Callahan
Philip T. Kingston
B. Adam McGough
Mark Clayton
Tiffinni A. Young (Vice-Chair)

Members Absent:

Council Members Present:

Briefing Presenters

Kris Sweckard
Director, Code Compliance

Willis Winters
Director of Park and Recreation

Staff Present:

Joey Zapata, Kris Sweckard, Tammy Palomino, Dennis Ware, Eric Izuora, Ben Collins, Willis Winters, Janette Weedon, Peter Bratt, Willis Winters, Anne Adiele, Jody Jones, Louise Elam, Rick Galceran, Peter Brodsky, Patti Cody

Guests:

Peter Brodsky, Animal Advisory Commission; Patti Cody, Animal Advisory Commission; Maeleska Fletes, Animal Advisory Commission; Judith Burnett, Animal Advisory Commission

AGENDA:

1. Approval of April 11, 2016 Minutes

Information Only

Presenter(s):

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016.

Motion made by: Mark Clayton

Motion seconded by: Rickey D. Callahan

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Dallas Animal Services Update

Presenter(s): Kris Sweckard, Director of Code Compliance

Information Only

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Dallas Animal Services (DAS) branch of the Code Compliance department provided the committee with an update on the progress of the services initiatives.

CM Young: requested an update on whether or not staff had contacted other neighboring shelters and nonprofits with regard to vacancies for strays found in Dallas. She also requested reaching out to find grants and other funding sources to aid with handling strays.

CM Clayton: requested that recommendations made by consultant be prioritized and that the appropriate funds are allocated in order to execute those recommendations. In addition, he has requested that one person be dedicated to the messaging for Dallas Animals Services. He is concerned with the issue of maintaining continuity with regard to messaging campaigns done by DAS.

CM McGough: Requested the cost breakdown of working with the CIS partnered consultant. In addition, he requested a list of all calls relating to animals and accompanying data on the priority ranking of those calls. He also requested specification on the meaning of “gradual reduction over time.” He also requested that data on the intake of strays be converted from percentages to a total whole number.

CM Callahan: suggested DAS should simplify their outreach campaign and ensure that it reaches a wide range of audiences in Dallas

CM Kingston: Requested that staff focus on sustainability of the program and lowering the number of residents who are unaware of the DAS services.

Motion made by:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. Show Your Soft Side

Presenter(s):

Information Only

A briefing memo was provided on this item.

The Chair requested that Dallas Animal Services division of Code Compliance provide the Quality of Life and Environment Committee with information on a partnership with the Dallas Companion Animal Project (DCAP) and Show Your Soft Side.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

4. Animal Cruelty Task Force

Presenter(s):

Information Only

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A briefing memo was provided on this item.

Staff is announcing the formation of a working group to improve the reporting, investigation and prosecution of animal cruelty cases in the City of Dallas. This taskforce will consist of both City of Dallas staff and Dallas community members.

Motion made by:

Motion opposed by:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

5. Consumer Health Update Proposed Amendments to Chapter 43A (Swimming Pools)

Presenter(s):

Information Only

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): This briefing memo provided the committee with an update on the proposed amendment to Chapter 43A. The amendments adopt the Texas Department of State Health Service (TDSHS) – Standards for Pools and Spas and the Texas Health and Safety Code for Pool Yard Enclosures.

Council will have follow up questions for staff before the May 25th Council Agenda Meeting.

Motion made by:

Motion opposed by:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

6. 2017 Bond Program Technical Criteria for Parks and Recreation

Presenter(s): Willis Winters Director, *Park and Recreation*

Information Only

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): This briefing provided the committee with information on the 2017 Bond Program Technical Criteria for Parks and Recreation.

CM Clayton expressed concern with regards to the shifting of resources to more affluent areas. Chair Greyson requested that staff take these concerns into consideration in regard to next steps in the bond program.

Motion made by:

Motion opposed by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

7. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter(s):

Information Only

Information about the following upcoming items on the April 27, 2016 Council Agenda was included in the briefing materials:

- A. Agenda Item #26 – Authorize a contract with Northstar Construction, LLC, lowest responsible bidder of two for trail improvement at Runyon Creek Trail located between Glendale Park to Camp Wisdom Road – Not to exceed \$2,489,700 – Financing: General Obligation Commercial Paper Funds.
- B. Agenda Item #27 – Authorize a twenty-year development, operation and maintenance agreement, with one five-year renewal option with CFO2 DALLAS II, LLC for the development, operation and maintenance of a pedestrian bridge and landscape improvements for purposes of connecting to and providing public access from an adjacent development to the Katy Trail located at 3535 Travis Street - Financing: No cost consideration to the City
- C. Agenda Item #28- Authorize (1) a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Recreation and Park Association for new playground equipment at Urbandale Park Located at 7400 Ireland Avenue; (2) the receipt and deposit of funds in the amount of \$70,000 from the National Recreation and Park Association; and (3) in increase in appropriation in the Capital Gifts, Donation and Development Fund in the amount of \$70,000 – Not to exceed \$70,000 – Financing: Capital Gifts, Donation and Development funds
- D. Agenda Item # 31- Authorize a public hearing to held on May 25, 2016 to receive comment on the proposed change of use and sale of a portion of Klegerg Trail, consisting of a total of approximately 71,109 square feet of land, to the Texas DEPARTMENT OF transportation n for construction of improvement to I-20 Frontage Road – Estimate Revenue: \$18,365
- E. Addendum Item – Authorize a two-year service contract for (1) hazardous and non-hazardous waste disposal services – Green Planet, Inc. in the amount of \$3,188,960 through Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport contract using the Interlocal Purchasing Agreement; and (2) biohazardous decontamination and spill clean-up service – Protect Environment Services, Inc, in the amount of \$261, 200 through the city of Richardson contract using the Interlocal Purchasing Agreement – Total not to exceed \$3,450, 160 – Financing: Current Fund (\$2966,024), Stormwater Drainage Management Current Funds (\$311,636), Water Utilities Current Funds (\$80,000), Sanitation Current Funds (\$50,000), Aviation Current Funds (\$40,000) and Convention and Event Service Current Funds (\$2,500) (subject to annual appropriations)
- F. Addendum Item – Authorize a twenty-year development, operation, and maintenance agreement with Dallas Hartford, L.L.C. for the development, operation, and maintenance of parkland for Federal Plaza located at 1990 Federal Street - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Councilmember Sandy Greyson
Chair