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Council Briefing Room, 6ES
Dallas, Texas 75201



Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance

November 18, 2021

1:15 PM

REVISED AGENDA

2021 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Atkins (C), Arnold (VC), McGough, Narvaez, Resendez, West, Willis	ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY Blackmon(C), Ridley (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Resendez, Schultz, West
GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Mendelsohn (C), Willis (VC), Atkins, Bazaldua, McGough, Ridley, West	HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS Thomas (C), Moreno (VC), Arnold, Blackmon, Mendelsohn, Ridley, Schultz
PUBLIC SAFETY McGough (C), Mendelsohn (VC), Atkins, Moreno, Resendez, Thomas, Willis	QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE Bazaldua (C), West (VC), Arnold, Blackmon, Narvaez, Ridley, Thomas
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Narvaez (C), Atkins (VC), Bazaldua, Mendelsohn, Moreno, Schultz, Willis	WORKFORCE, EDUCATION, AND EQUITY Schultz (C), Thomas (VC), Blackmon, McGough, Moreno, Narvaez, Resendez
AD HOC JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE Resendez (C), Arnold, Bazaldua, Ridley, Thomas, West, Willis	AD HOC LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS Atkins (C), McGough, Mendelsohn, Narvaez, Willis
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RECOVERY AND ASSISTANCE Thomas (C), Atkins, Mendelsohn, Moreno, Ridley	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INVESTIGATING & ETHICS Mendelsohn (C), Atkins, Blackmon, McGough, Schultz

(C) – Chair, (VC) – Vice Chair

Handgun Prohibition Notice for Meetings of Governmental Entities

"Pursuant to Section [30.06](#), Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

"De acuerdo con la sección [30.06](#) del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."

"Pursuant to Section [30.07](#), Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

"De acuerdo con la sección [30.07](#) del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola a la vista), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola a la vista."

"Pursuant to Section [46.03](#), Penal Code (places weapons prohibited), a person may not carry a firearm or other weapon into any open meeting on this property."

"De conformidad con la Sección [46.03](#), Código Penal (coloca armas prohibidas), una persona no puede llevar un arma de fuego u otra arma a ninguna reunión abierta en esta propiedad."

Note: A quorum of the Dallas City Council may attend this Council Committee meeting.

The Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance will be held by videoconference and in the City Hall Council Briefing Room (6ES).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually. However, City Hall is available for those wishing to attend the meeting in person following all current pandemic-related public health protocols.

The meeting will be broadcast live on Spectrum Cable Channel 16 and online at <https://bit.ly/cityofdallastv>.

The public may also listen to the meeting as an attendee at the following videoconference link: <https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/onstage/g.php?MTID=e2fc278c10bd9342dd0b33e4ca6fc1b42>

Call to Order

MINUTES

1. [21-2284](#) Approval of the September 16, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

BRIEFING ITEMS

- A. [21-2285](#) COVID-19 Testing, Vaccine, and Data Updates
[Dr. Philip Huang, Director, Dallas County Health and Human Services; Dr. Timothy Bray, Director, Institute for Urban Policy Research, University of Texas at Dallas; Rocky Vaz, Director, Office of Emergency Management]

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]



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Agenda Information Sheet

File #: 21-2284

Item #: 1.

Approval of the September 16, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance Meeting Minutes

Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance Meeting Record

The Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance meetings are recorded. Agenda materials are available online at www.dallascityhall.com. Recordings may be reviewed online at <https://dallastx.swagit.com/ad-hoc-committees>.
Note: This meeting was conducted via videoconference to comply with a social distancing mandate during a declared state of disaster.

Meeting Date: September 16, 2021

Convened: 1:01 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:22 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Casey Thomas, Chair
Tennell Atkins
Jesse Moreno
Paul Ridley

Committee Members Absent:

Cara Mendelsohn

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER (1:01 p.m.)

1. Approval of the August 12, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance Meeting Minutes

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 12, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance meeting. The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Paul Ridley

Motion seconded by: CM Tennell Atkins

BRIEFING ITEMS WITHOUT ACTION

A. COVID-19 Vaccine, Testing, and Data Update

Presenter(s): Dr. Phil Huang, Director, Dallas County Health and Human Services; Dr. Timothy Bray, Director, Institute for Urban Policy Research, University of Texas at Dallas; Rocky Vaz, Director, Office of Emergency Management

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The region's health experts gave updates on COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and data efforts in the City of Dallas and Dallas County. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions about several topics, including: demographic data related to vaccine hesitancy, the impact of independent school districts' compliance with emergency mandates on the rate of positivity, utilizing trusted messengers among communities of color to overcome vaccine hesitancy, suggestions on utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to mitigate vaccine hesitancy, the City of Dallas's COVID-19 pop-up clinics, results of COVID-19 outreach to neighborhoods, messaging regarding the COVID-19 vaccine booster, recommendations for vaccination sites, data on the first and second dose vaccine trends, and more. Information only.

B. DFW COVID-19 Community Prevalence Study Update

Presenter(s): Dr. Amit Singal, Medical Director of the Liver Tumor Program and Clinical Chief of Hepatology, Professor, UT Southwestern Medical Center; Dr. Jasmin Tiro, Associate Professor, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Dr. Amit Singal and Dr. Jasmin Tiro provided an overview of the DFW COVID-19 Prevalence Study, which seeks to measure prevalence of COVID-19 in DFW and by sociodemographic subgroup, understand development and duration of immunity to COVID-19, and monitor for emerging hotspots, and engage the community as a trusted, transparent source of information about the COVID-19 pandemic. There was no discussion on this item. Information only.

C. American Rescue Plan Act Communications and Outreach Plan

Presenter(s): Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Catherine Cuellar, Director, Communications, Outreach, & Marketing; Janella Newsome, Assistant Director, Communications, Outreach, & Marketing

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Chief Tolbert and Director Cuellar provided an overview of the City of Dallas's ARPA Communications and Outreach Strategy for FY 2021-2022, including key messaging, time frame, and programming. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions about several topics, including: administration of the COVID-19 vaccine booster, messaging around how to replace lost vaccination records, how the City is keeping its employees safe beyond vaccinations, the process for acquiring personal protective equipment for National Night Out, media exposure to markets other than the 17 zip codes specified in the communications and outreach strategy, and if the Communications, Outreach, & Marketing department has sufficient funds to administer the strategy in the coming fiscal year. Information only.

D. COVID-19 Support and Employee Vaccination Incentive Update

Presenter(s): Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Nina Arias, Director, Human Resources

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Chief Tolbert and Director Arias provided an update on the City of Dallas COVID-19 Support and Employee Vaccination Incentive. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions about several topics, including: if the mandatory COVID testing for Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) is self-administered, the process on how to respond when a DFR employee tests positive for COVID-19, changes in the personnel rules, how departments will accommodate additional sick leave time for employees who test positive, if the City is considering mandating vaccines for DFR, and more. Information only.

E. Rental Assistance Program Updates

Presenter(s): Jessica Galleshaw, Director, Office of Community Care

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Director Galleshaw provided an update on the City of Dallas rental assistance program. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions about several topics, including: how organizations can get involved in administering the program, rental assistance navigators, legal assistance for residents facing evictions, and the logistics of the rental payment process. Information only.

ADJOURN (3:22 p.m.)

APPROVED BY:

Casey Thomas, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19
Recovery and Assistance

ATTESTED BY:

Sommer Iqbal, Coordinator
Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19
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Item #: A.

COVID-19 Testing, Vaccine, and Data Updates

[Dr. Philip Huang, Director, Dallas County Health and Human Services; Dr. Timothy Bray, Director, Institute for Urban Policy Research, University of Texas at Dallas; Rocky Vaz, Director, Office of Emergency Management]