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Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee

March 29, 2022

9:00 AM

The Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee will be held by videoconference and in the City Hall Council Chambers (6th Floor).

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](#).

Call to Order**MINUTES**

- A. [22-786](#) Approval of the February 22, 2022 Committee Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

BRIEFING ITEMS

- B. [22-787](#) Enhanced Library Card
[Jo Giudice, Director, Dallas Public Library; Christina da Silva, Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs Officer, Office of Equity and Inclusion]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- C. [22-788](#) Mobile Food Units - Update
[Chauncy Williams, Assistant Director, Code Compliance Department]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

BRIEFING MEMORANDUMS

- D. [22-789](#) Proposed Dallas Humane Pet Store Ordinance
[Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager (I)]

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

- E. [22-790](#) Update on WRR Radio Management Procurement
[Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager;
Jennifer Scripps, Director, Office of Arts and Culture]

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

ACTION ITEM

- F. [22-791](#) Support for Dallas Transgender Community - Support a review of City ordinances, plans and/or resolutions to ensure they reflect the City's commitment to protect the rights of residents against discrimination and hate based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression.
[Adam Bazaldua, Chairman, Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee]

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

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 #: 22-786

Item #: A.

Approval of the February 22, 2022 Committee Minutes

Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Record

The Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee meetings are recorded. Agenda materials are available online at www.dallascityhall.com.

Meeting Date: February 22, 2022

Convened: 9:07 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:50 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Adam Bazaldua, Chair
Chad West, Vice Chair
Carolyn Arnold
Paula Blackmon
Omar Narvaez
Paul E. Ridley
Casey Thomas, II

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Presenters:

Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager
Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager
Lynetta Kidd, Assistant Director, Code Compliance
Rosa Fleming, Director, Conventions and Event Services
Yidefonse Rodriguez Sola, Assistant Director, Convention and Event Services
Jacquelin Justice, Manager, Convention and Event Services
Jennifer Scripps, Director, Office of Arts and Culture

AGENDA

Call to Order (9:07 a.m.)

A. Approval of the January 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Presenter(s): Adam Bazaldua, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2022 Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee meeting.

Motion made by: Chad West
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Paula Blackmon
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

B. Short-Term Rental (STR) Task Force Recommendations Update

Presenter(s): Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager (I); Lynetta Kidd, Assistant Director, Code Compliance

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee discussed: A motion was made to hold regulation of STR's in committees for further hearings pending a zoning recommendation from CPC, with a request that CPC place a high priority on the issue and provide quarterly updates to the committee as to the

progress of that work. Secondly, to declare an immediate moratorium on registering new STR's in residentially zoned districts while the city develops regulations of STR's. Motion was withdrawn. A second motion was made to separate the moratorium portion made in CM Ridley's original motion. Motion failed. A third motion was made to request a full briefing to the full city council on the STR process including the potential moratorium with an emphasis on sending it back to CPC for zoning considerations with timelines included.

Motion made by: Paula Blackmon
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Casey Thomas, II
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

C. Mobile Food Vending Zone Pilot Program

Presenter(s): Rosa Fleming, Director; Yldefonso Rodriguez Sola, Assistant Director; Jacquelin Justice, Manager; Convention and Event Services Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee discussed: Public Input and the criteria used to gather data. Appropriate number of truck allowed at certain locations. Pilot program and equity issues in southern part 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:

D. BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: Amendments to Chapter 17, re: Neighborhood Market Annual Permit Fee

Presenter(s): Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee discussed:

Motion made by:
Item passed unanimously:
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

E. BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: Upcoming Office of Arts and Culture Agenda Item: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$250,000 National Endowment for the Arts Grant for the Culture of Value Program in the Office of Arts and Culture

Presenter(s): Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager; Jennifer Scripps, Director, Office of Arts and Culture

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee discussed:

Motion made by:
Item passed unanimously:
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

Adjourn (11:50 a.m.)

APPROVED BY:

Adam Bazaldua, Chair
Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee

ATTESTED BY:

Juan Garcia, Coordinator
Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee



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File #: 22-787

Item #: B.

Enhanced Library Card

[Jo Giudice, Director, Dallas Public Library; Christina da Silva, Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs Officer, Office of Equity and Inclusion]



City of Dallas

Enhanced Library Card

**Advancing Digital Equity
for All Dallas Residents**

**Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee
March 29, 2022**

Jo Giudice, Director,
Dallas Public Library

Christina da Silva, WCIA Officer, Office of
Equity and Inclusion

Overview



- What is an Enhanced Library Card?
- Multiple Uses: Health, Digital Equity, Economic Advancement
- Security Features
- Budget Considerations
- Timeline and Next Steps



What is an Enhanced Library Card?



- A library card that contains a photo of the card holder which serves as a means for residents to identify themselves in accessing library services and other city services and increases digital equity by connecting residents to devices and other resources.
- Texas Cities/Counties have Enhanced Library Cards: San Antonio, San Marcos, Harris County, Bexar County
 - Austin is also in process to develop their Enhanced Library Card program
- The Texas State Department of Health also recognizes library cards as a supplemental form of identification
 - [Example Group C \(library card\)](#)
 - The ELC design can have multiple security features for fraud prevention



Multiple Uses – Digital Equity



Digital Equity: An Enhanced Library Card can increase trust with residents that face barriers and can connect them with devices such as laptops, hotspots, and other digital literacy and education resources.

Equity Indicators 13-24, 29, 40, 43: Early Education, Elementary, Middle, High School, General Population, Internet Access, Fines and Fees, Public Safety



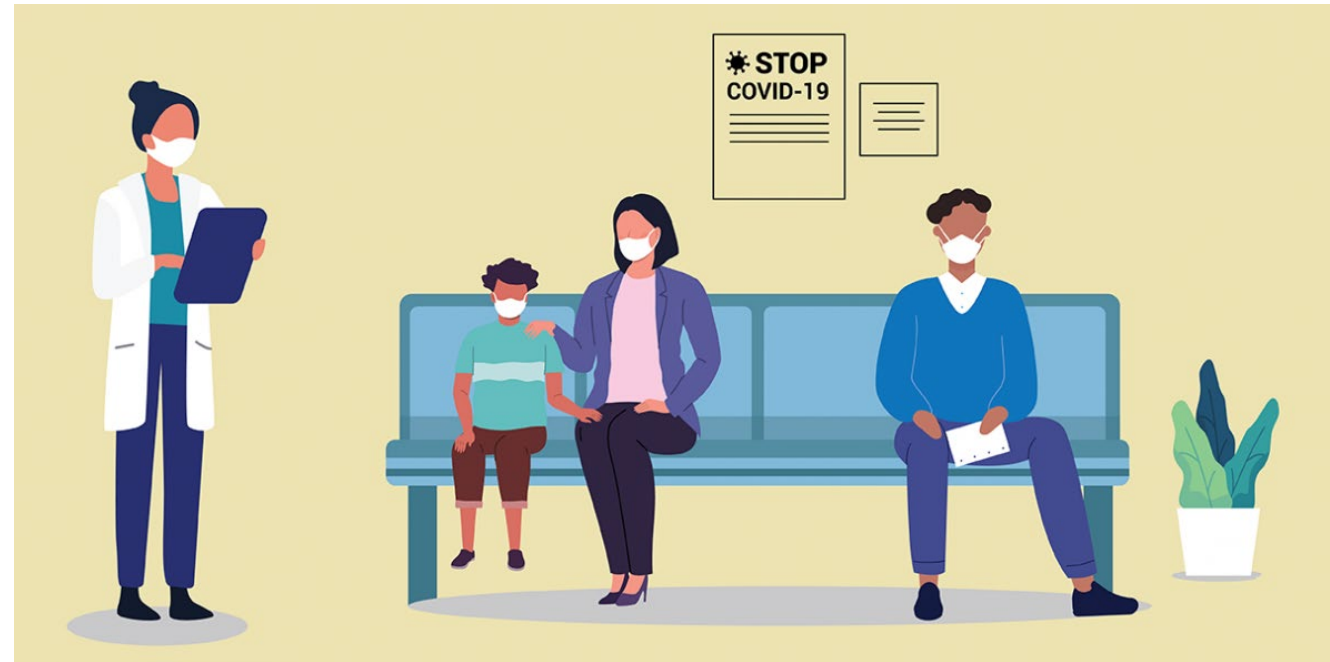
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Multiple Uses – Health Equity



Health Equity: Can help residents gain access to vaccines, medication, and other health services.

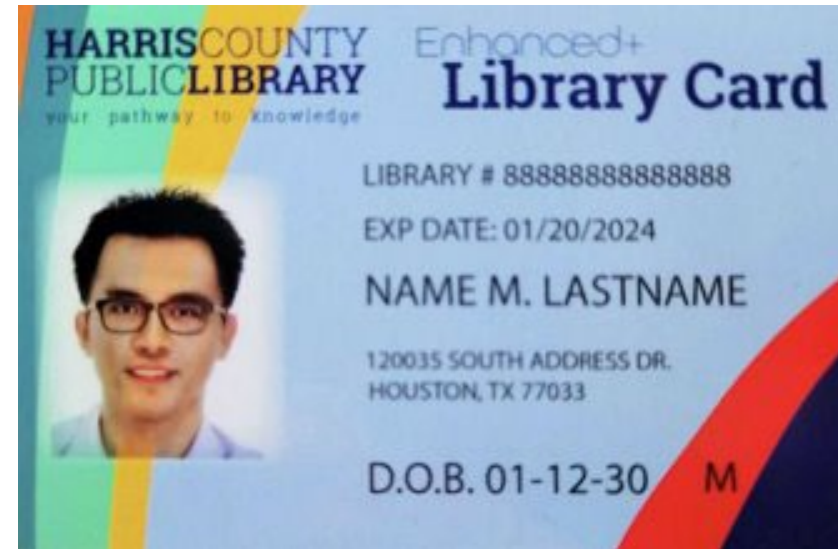
Equity Indicators 49-51: Health Care Provide, Health Insurance, Prenatal Care



Multiple Uses – Economic Advancement



Economic Advancement: Many residents experience difficulties accessing services because they lack an ID. The Enhanced Library Card may serve as supplementary support for banking and workforce training opportunities.



Equity Indicators 7-12: Income and Poverty Indicators



Security Features



Library staff will be trained to evaluate different sources of documents to verify identity. Examples may include:

- Current rent or lease agreement
- Current utility bill
- Current voter registration card
- Current renter's, homeowner's or car insurance policy
- Current property tax statement from the CAD
- Paycheck with name and address imprinted
- Credit or debit card
- Inmate identification card with photo
- Shelter identification card with photo
- Birth certificate
- Copy of medical record with name and address
- Passport
- Employee identification card
- Health insurance card
- Military identification card
- Consular card or identification from another country
- Driver's license or identification from another state



Budget Considerations



Pilot program will utilize existing DPL funding

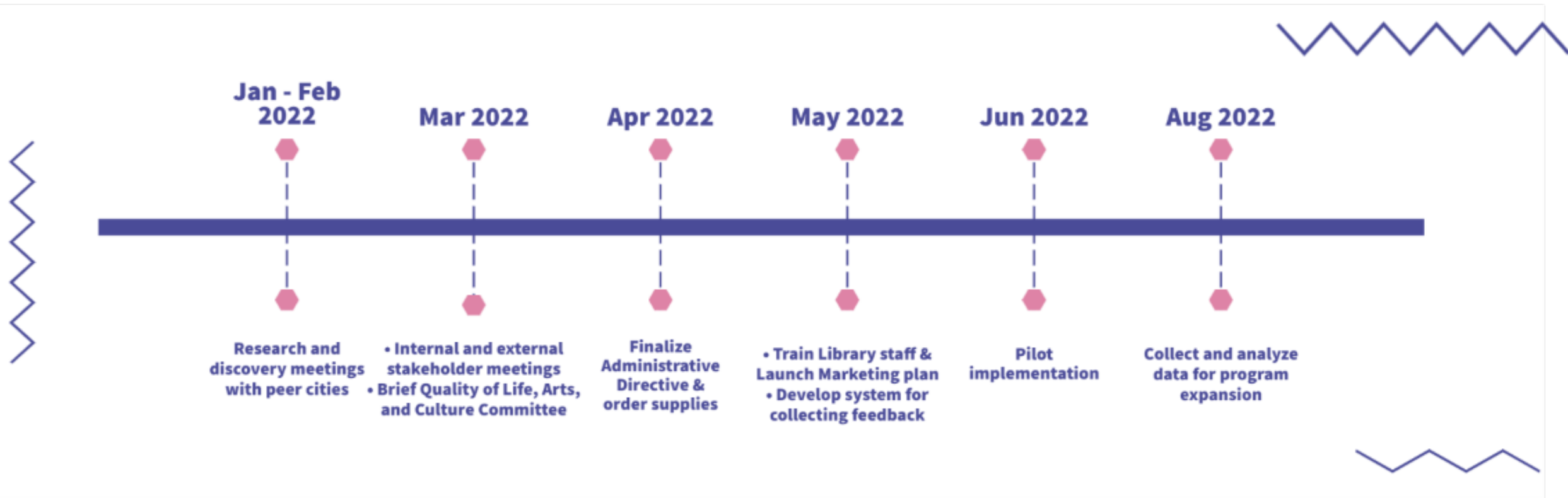
- Estimated cost is \$4,800 per set up
- Cost includes a special printer, supplies, laptop

Pilot at 5 locations – Central Library + 4 branches

- Locations based on the Equity Impact Assessment Tool to be conducted



Timeline and Next Steps





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Enhanced Library Card

**Advancing Digital Equity
for All Dallas Residents**

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File #: 22-788

Item #: C.

Mobile Food Units - Update

[Chauncy Williams, Assistant Director, Code Compliance Department]



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Mobile Food Units - Update

**Quality of Life, Arts and Culture
Committee
March 29, 2022**

Chauncy Williams, Assistant Director
Code Compliance Department
City of Dallas

Presentation Overview



- Background/History
- Research
- Proposed Action
- Next Steps





Background/History

Better Block Mobile Food Task Force Recommendations:

- Change No. 1: Change “Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle” to “Mobile Food Unit”
- Change No. 2: Better Define Mobile Food Units & Permitting
- Change No. 3: Allow Prep of All Foods on Health-Qualified Mobile Food Units
- Change No. 4: Reduce Commissary Visit to 1/week, or as necessary, for Qualified Mobile Food Units



Background/History



Update from January 18, 2022- Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee (QOLAC) Meeting:

- During the meeting staff agreed to items 2 and 4 of the Better Block Mobile Food Task Force Recommendations.
- However additional research was required on items 1 and 3 of the Better Block Task Force Recommendations.
- Staff was asked by the QOLAC to continue researching items 1 and 3 and to return with it's findings at the March 29, QoL meeting



Research - Mobile Food Unit Construction Comparison



City	Austin	Charleston	Charlotte	Cleveland	Dallas	Denver	El Paso	Houston	Nashville	Portland	San Antonio	Seattle
Does the mobile food unit have to be commercially manufactured?	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Can they build the unit themselves?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are food trailers allowed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only at Temporary Events	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are converted portable storage building allowed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Are converted shipping containers allowed?	Yes	Retail only	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Does it have to be readily mobile on wheels?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Research - Mobile Food Unit Construction Comparison



City	Use of "Mobile Food Unit" language	Less frequent commissary visits	Allow all food types to be cooked on Unit	Annual permitting for trucks and trailers
<u>Austin</u>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<u>Charleston</u>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<u>Charlotte</u>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<u>Chicago</u>	Yes, Mobile Food Vehicle	YES	YES	No, 2 Years Term
<u>Cleveland</u>	YES	YES	YES	Yes, Mar 1 – Feb 28
<u>Dallas</u>	NO	NO	NO	NO
<u>Denver</u>	Yes, Retail Mobile Food	YES	YES	YES
<u>Jackson</u>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<u>Kansas City</u>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<u>Miami</u>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<u>Nashville</u>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<u>New Orleans</u>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<u>New York City</u>	YES	YES	YES	No, 2 years Term
<u>Oklahoma City</u>	YES	NO	YES	YES
<u>Phoenix</u>	YES, Mobile Food Establishment	YES	YES	YES
<u>Portland</u>	YES, Mobile Unit	NO, RV Dump	YES	YES
<u>San Antonio</u>	YES, Mobile Food Establishment	YES, once a week	YES	YES
<u>Seattle</u>	YES	NO	YES	YES



Proposed Action



1. Change “Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle” to “Mobile Food Unit” (MFU), defined as: “any vehicle that is self-propelled or can be pulled or pushed safely down a sidewalk, street, or highway that is readily mobile on wheels and complies with all health and transportation safety standards.”

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City staff recommends allowing Mobile Food Preparation Units that are mounted to a trailer or any vehicle that is self-propelled or can be pulled or pushed safely down a sidewalk, street, or highway that is readily mobile on wheels and complies with all health and transportation safety standards to be permitted as a Mobile Food Unit.

City staff recommends changing the definitions to accommodate ease of Mobile Food Units Classifications graduating as Food Handling Increases.



Proposed Action



2. Better define MFUs & Permitting: Have one annual permit (*current procedure*) and process with four classes of specific mobile food units, each with varying levels of what can be sold, cooked, prepared, etc. (*Food handling increases at each Class Level*).

Class I: Only to sell pre-packaged foods and beverages allowed.

Class II: Hot or cold food holding display for unpackaged. No cooking or preparation would be allowed onboard.

Class III: Units allowed to cook in an external covered area (*BBQ pit, wood fired pizza oven, seafood boils*), where all food preparation, assembly, and service would be done in an enclosed health code compliant area.

Class IV: Units Fully "enclosed" with no restrictions because it would have all safety equipment & standards as brick & mortar; it is a restaurant on wheels.

City staff recommends changing the definitions to accommodate ease of Mobile Food Units Classifications graduating as Food Handling Increases.



Proposed Action



3. Allow preparation of all foods on Health-qualified MFUs, and allow all food to be prepared and served in enclosed MFU's, as long as they meet the same health code standards of a brick-and-mortar restaurant (*Listed above as Class III, IV; on Slide 20*).

City staff recommends the allowance of the preparation of raw poultry and seafood.

4. Reduce Commissary visit to once per week, or as necessary, for Qualified MFUs. In order to have a minimum of 1 commissary visit per week (or as needed) to properly change and replenish water and oil, the MFU must be: an enclosed MFU that adheres to the same Health and Safety standards of a brick & mortar restaurant (*Class III & IV*); All cleaning supplies must be disposable and discarded each night.

City staff recommends the allowance of one visit per week to the commissary provided a variance (At No Cost) is obtained from the Department and proper documentation of commissary visits are provided.



Proposed Action



5. Pilot 1: Create Mobile Food Vending Zones. We propose the City of Dallas pilots this concept, setting parameters and guidelines on the locations of the Mobile Food Vending Zones, on city/county public right of ways and testing to see how the concept is received by both the community and mobile food vendors.

- ***City staff recommends the establishment of pilot Mobile Food Vending Zones on City owned property and certain public right of ways; if compatible with current Zoning criteria and it does not represent public safety or welfare concerns.***

Pilot in two locations

- Pacific Plaza (Within the CBD)
- Kiest Park



Next Step



- Staff recommends the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee forwards the proposed amendments of Dallas City Code of Ordinance Chapter 17 to the City Council for consideration for approval.
- Launch Pilot Program and monitor
 - *Amending Items 1; 2; 3 and 4*





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Mobile Food Units - Update

**Quality of Life, Arts and Culture
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Chauncy Williams, Assistant Director
Code Compliance Department
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File #: 22-789

Item #: D.

Proposed Dallas Humane Pet Store Ordinance
[Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager (I)]

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 24, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture

SUBJECT **Proposed Dallas Humane Pet Store Ordinance**

On Thursday, January 27, 2022, the Animal Advisory Commission held its first quarterly meeting of the new fiscal year. During this meeting, the commission was informed of the Dallas Humane Pet Store Ordinance, which was presented to your committee on December 6, 2021 by Dallas residents and representatives of animal welfare organizations.

The commission heard from 14 speakers regarding the proposed ordinance, 10 of which were in support and 4 in opposition. The commission did not formally vote on the ordinance, though there was general support for the ordinance. Several commissioners did express interest in touring the North Dallas store that would be impacted in order to better advise their City Council members in regards to any future ordinance votes.

Dallas Animal Services recommends that the committee votes for the City Attorney's Office to draft an ordinance to be considered by City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact MeLissa Webber, Director of the Dallas Animal Services Department.

Sincerely,



Carl Simpson

Assistant City Manager (I)

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Chris Caso, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Billieae Johnson, City Secretary
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File #: 22-790

Item #: E.

Update on WRR Radio Management Procurement
[Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager;
Jennifer Scripps, Director, Office of Arts and Culture]

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 29, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee

SUBJECT **Update on WRR Radio Management Procurement**

WRR Classical 101.1 FM (WRR) is owned and operated by the City of Dallas as an advertising-revenue supported enterprise fund. The station is currently managed by the Office of Arts and Culture (OAC) as a service to residents and local arts organizations while also striving to maintain a sustainable business model. Due to the challenges of being a government-run radio station and headwinds in the radio industry, WRR has incurred a net operating loss in nine of the past ten years. Despite diligent cost containment and constant attention to sales revenues, these negative trends have continued and were exacerbated by the pandemic's negative impact on advertising budgets (especially among arts accounts) and radio listenership and media consumption trends.

The City previously considered other operating models for the station, including frequency swaps, moving to a nonprofit model, and private management. In mid-2020, the Dallas Symphony Association (DSA) submitted an unsolicited proposal to the OAC, expressing a desire to explore the possibility of DSA managing the station for the City. After review, OAC began to explore a change of station management through a formal procurement process. This plan to have a competitive procurement for the management of WRR as a City-owned, privately-managed classical radio station was shared by memorandum with the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee and the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission in March 2021. Additionally, staff of WRR and the Friends of WRR nonprofit were notified of this intent shortly before the publication of the memorandum.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for private management of WRR as a classical radio station opened on June 17, 2021. The RFP required that the City lease airtime for monetary payment with additional revenue in the arts fund, and that bidders manage and operate the station, maintain classical music programming, and support the arts. The procurement is in the negotiations stage and all proposals are confidential until the contract is awarded, per state law and City procurement rules.

Staff plans to brief the Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee once the contract is finalized and seek City Council approval thereafter.

In conjunction with the proposed management agreement, OAC will bring forth a proposal to rescind the 1978 City Council Resolution 78-0309, which mandated broadcasts of City Council meetings on WRR. WRR has never been compensated for these 4-5 hours of prime airtime twice monthly, and the broadcasts were removed in spring 2020 when the Webex virtual broadcasts of City Council were found to be of insufficient audio quality for radio broadcast. OAC and WRR management have received no complaints regarding

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SUBJECT **Update on WRR Radio Management Procurement**

this removal. Rescinding the 1978 resolution will allow residents to have more classical listening hours and more sustainable station management by the private partner.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Scripps, Director of the Office of Arts and Culture.



Liz Cedillo-Pereira
Assistant City Manager

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Chris Caso, City Attorney
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File #: 22-791

Item #: F.

Support for Dallas Transgender Community - Support a review of City ordinances, plans and/or resolutions to ensure they reflect the City's commitment to protect the rights of residents against discrimination and hate based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression.

[Adam Bazaldua, Chairman, Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee]

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 23, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee

SUBJECT **Support for Dallas Transgender Community**

This week, March 21-25, 2022, commemorates the 20th National LGBTQ+ Health Awareness Week. The transgender community has endured decades of discrimination and unrest nationally and internationally. More recently, transgender persons have been refused transitioning related services by healthcare providers and have been treated discriminately due to their identity. Each year, Transgender Day of Visibility is recognized on March 31st. This day is dedicated to celebrating transgender persons and raising awareness of the violence and discrimination the community has faced worldwide.

In 2021, sixty-six transgender hate crimes occurred in the U.S., specifically targeting Black and Latinx transgender women, eight of these hate crimes took place in Texas. Unfortunately, many more cases go unreported or misreported. In the latest Texas legislative session, more than thirty anti-LGBTQ+ bills were filed, in which thirteen targeted transgender youth. Transgender individuals who reside in Dallas are from all walks of life and should be protected and supported. Although the City of Dallas continues to serve as a safe and welcoming environment for the transgender community, there is still much work to be done toward inclusivity, equity, and justice.

I am grateful for leadership at the City of Dallas, past and present, who have advocated with great conviction in building a more equitable community for our residents. As an inclusive city, it is imperative that we support and stand with the transgender community, including transgender people and youth of all races, ethnicities, religions, socioeconomic statuses, and education levels, to ensure they have access to the same quality of life as all persons in Dallas. Dallas embraces diversity and stands firmly against any form of discrimination and hate based on sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. The City values the uniqueness of our residents and stands with the youth, and their families, who deserve to be who they are, treated with dignity, and to receive equal treatment and protection. We support any action at the local, state and federal levels which serves both the physical and mental welfare of the transgender community. We condemn any attack on the transgender community and reaffirm our commitment to being an inclusive environment.

I encourage my colleagues to support a review of City ordinances, plans and/or resolutions to ensure they reflect the City's commitment to protect the rights of residents against discrimination and hate based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression.

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SUBJECT **Support for Dallas Transgender Community**



Adam Bazaldua
Council Member, District 7
Chairman, Quality of Life, Arts and Culture

c: Honorable Mayor and City Council
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