

Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: June 7, 2021

Convened: 11:01 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:02 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

CM Casey Thomas, II Chair
CM Jaime Resendez, Vice Chair
MPT Adam Medrano
CM Lee Kleinman
CM Paula Blackmon

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Other Council Members Present:

N/A

AGENDA

Call to Order (11:01 a.m.)

1. Approval of the May 10, 2021 Workforce, Education and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 10, 2021 Workforce, Education and Equity Committee meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Motion made by: Vice Chair Jaime Resendez Motion seconded by: CM Paula Blackmon

BRIEFING ITEMS WITHOUT ACTION

A. Equity: Broadband and Digital Equity Strategic Plan

Presenter: Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion, City Manager's Office; Genesis D. Gavino, Resilience Officer, Office of Equity and Inclusion; Joanne Hovis, President, CTC Technology & Energy; Andrew Afflerbach, Ph.D., P.E., Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology Officer, CTC Technology & Energy

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Chief Liz Cedillo-Pereira provided a summary of the City's efforts to bridge the digital divide in Dallas to date. Ms. Hovis presented key findings and recommendations from a draft Broadband and Digital Equity Strategic plan developed by CTC Technology & Energy at the direction of the City and the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). Committee members asked questions about the City's partnerships with other entities that are also seeking to bridge the digital divide, how the City can recoup costs for the wireless models in the next 5 – 10 years, how to overcome internet redlining, where the private sector is in this work, considerations for implementing 5G instead of infrastructure, and how the City of Arlington is putting together its citywide fiber optic network model. Staff stated that they will provide the draft plan to the Committee members prior to posting it on the City website and they will brief the City Council on this topic in August 2021. Information only.

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM WITH ACTION

B. Proposed Grand Prairie Boundary Adjustment - Bella Lagos

Presenters: Kris Sweckard, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve a staff recommendation to place an item on an upcoming Council agenda authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a boundary adjustment agreement with the City of Grand Prairie. The motion passed.

Motion made by: Vice Chair Jaime Resendez

Motion seconded by: CM Paula Blackmon

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM WITHOUT ACTION

2. Equity: Cities and Counties for Fine and Fee Justice

Presenters: Genesis D. Gavino, Resilience Officer, Office of Equity and Inclusion

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Vice Chair Resendez asked what the timeline for implementing fine and fee reform recommendations is, how the City is improving its courts notification process, and discussed the impact of Omnibase and Scofflaw on communities of color. Information only.

Adjourn (12:02 p.m.)

APPROVED BY:



Jaynie Schultz, Chair
Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee

ATTESTED BY:



Sommer Iqbal, Coordinator
Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee