

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

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CITY SECRETARY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Meeting Date: November 5, 2020

Convened: 1:33 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:47 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Casey Thomas, Chair
Tennell Atkins
David Blewett
Jennifer S. Gates
Cara Mendelsohn
Jaime Resendez
Omar Narvaez

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER (1:33 p.m.)

1. Approval of the October 15, 2020 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 October 15, 2020 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by: CM Jaime Resendez

Motion seconded by: CM Cara Mendelsohn

BRIEFING ITEMS WITHOUT ACTION

2. COVID-19 Testing and Data Update

Presenter(s): Dr. Kelvin Baggett, City of Dallas Health and Healthcare Access Czar; Dr. Phil Huang, Director, Dallas County Health and Human Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The region's health experts gave updates on COVID-19 testing and data efforts in the City of Dallas and Dallas County. Ad Hoc Committee members asked questions about improving communication with residents, data reporting lags, how to stress the importance of rising hospitalization numbers, hospital staff capacity, goals and challenges of contact tracing, how many patients from El Paso have been redirected to Dallas, causes for increased cases, and discrepancies in hospitalization numbers among various data sources, among others. Information only.

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM WITH ACTION

3. DFW COVID-19 Community Prevalence Study

Presenter(s): Rocky Vaz, Director, Office of Emergency Management; Benjamin Kellogg, Grants Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management; 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; Angelica Marin-Hill, Vice President, Government Affairs and Policy, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Dr. Singal and Dr. Tiro provided an overview of the DFW COVID-19 Prevalence Study. Committee members asked questions about how to get more people involved in the study and if minority media has been involved. CM Narvaez requested that the study be open to all City of Dallas residents, including those that live outside of Dallas County. A motion was made to recommend the item to the City Council for consideration. The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Omar Narvaez

Motion seconded by: CM Jennifer S. Gates

4. Small Business Continuity Fund Update

Presenter(s): Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization, City Manager's Office

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There was no discussion on this item. A motion was made to recommend the item to the City Council for consideration. The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Cara Mendelsohn

Motion seconded by: CM Omar Narvaez

5. Office of Homeless Solutions: Upcoming Agenda Items funded by the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program and Providing Housing and Meals to Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Presenter(s): Kevin Oden, Interim Director, Office of Homeless Solutions

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Committee members asked questions about the \$2 million for the County and if the City will have ownership interest in the property, what the ongoing interaction with the property will be, and if this is a one-time payment. A motion was made to recommend the item to the City Council for consideration. The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Cara Mendelsohn

Motion seconded by: CM Omar Narvaez

BRIEFING ITEMS WITHOUT ACTION**6. COVID-19 Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program Updates**

Presenter(s): David Noguera, Director, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization; Jessica Galleshaw, Director, Office of Community Care; Kevin Oden, Director, Office of Homeless Solutions; Thor Erickson, CARES Act Manager, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization; Ashley Brundage, Senior Vice President, Community Impact, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Staff provided an update on budget and performance of COVID-related programs administered by the Department Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization, the Office Homeless Solutions, and the Office Community Care. Ms. Brundage discussed the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas collaborative to provide rental assistance to Dallas residents. Committee members asked questions about COVID-19 funding and plans for eviction mitigation and assistance. Information only.

7. CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Updates

Presenter(s): Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer, City Manager's Office

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): CFO Reich provided a status update on the City's federal funds for COVID-19 recovery and assistance, including CARES Act funding and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Committee members discussed and asked questions about how much money may not be spent by the federal spending deadline, spending plans for 2021, plans for COVID-19 vaccine deployment, and more. Chair Thomas requested that CFO Reich provide her updates as a Friday memo to the full City Council. Information only.

BRIEFING MEMORANDA WITHOUT ACTION**8. Update on CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Child Care Providers Micro-Grant Program**

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There was no discussion on this item. Information only.

9. Update on CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Nonprofit Assistance Program

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Committee members asked questions about organizations that applied for the RFA, how the City and United Way are planning to get information out to the non-profit organizations that qualify for the funding, eligibility criteria for the program including for organizations that have received Paycheck Protection Program funds, how eligibility criteria were created, and more. Information only.

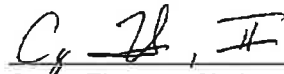
10. Monitoring and Enforcement of Current City Emergency Regulations and Executive and County Orders

Presenter(s): Carl Simpson, Director, Code Compliance Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Committee members asked questions about COVID-related code issues and enforcement authority, the status of people not complying with masking and social distancing protocol, liquor permits and inspections, and more. Information only.

ADJOURN (3:47 p.m.)

APPROVED BY:



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

ATTESTED BY:



Sommer Iqbal, Coordinator
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