

# Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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**Meeting Date:** December 9, 2019

**Convened:** 1:33 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 3:56 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Rickey D. Callahan, Vice Chair  
Tennell Atkins  
Sandy Greyson  
Adam Medrano  
Casey Thomas, II

**Committee Members Absent:**

N/A

**Other Council Members Present:**

N/A

## AGENDA

Call to Order (1:33 p.m.)

**1. Approval of the November 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Presenter(s):** B. Adam McGough, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** A motion was made to approve the November 12, 2019 minutes.

Motion made by: B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Item passed unanimously: X  
Item failed unanimously:

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

**2. Panhandling**

**Presenter(s):** Chris Caso, Interim City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** City Attorney's Office asked to address in executive session at 3pm.

**3. Cypress Waters Fire Station**

**Presenter(s):** Chief Dominique Artis, Dallas Fire-Rescue

**Information Only**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Staff provided the Committee with an overview of the current situation and proposed strategies to address fire and EMS needs of Cypress Waters. In addition, staff is seeking approval to move forward in constructing a fire station using TIF funding. The Committee had concerns about response times for paramedics and the projected increase of cost. The paramedics response time is within 5 min; unless out on another call and the projected increase of cost for service was based on a combination of the City's growth and increase in calls. The Committee approved to move this item forward to the TIF Board.

**4. RIGHT Care Expansion**

**Presenter(s):** Kevin Oden, PS/RCT Coordinator, City Manager's Office

**Information Only**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Staff provided the Committee with an update on the RIGHT Care Program to define a model of expanding current operations to more effectively: serve our residents, utilize scarce resources, connect person in crisis to case management, and experience cost savings.

The Committee questioned the issues on boarding homes; the average of calls and hours on scene for an officer; officer experiences and when they are released from scene; District Attorney's office involvement, and NTBHA response time. NTBHA response time is based on the opening and assistance of the shelter; officer redeployment is being tracked but staff did not have the data available at the time of briefing. Staff will provide data at a later date. All questions and concerns were answered.

**5. Dockless Vehicle Enforcement**

**Presenter(s):** Deputy Chief Thomas Castro, Dallas Police Department

**Information Only**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Staff briefed the Committee on the Dockless Vehicle Enforcement which included current issues and public safety concerns with electric scooters. Enforcement action is ongoing and since January 1, 2019 approximately 66 citations have been issued for various violations. As it relates to injuries, Baylor Scott & White reports from July 2018 through September 2019 there have been 321 emergency department visits, 47 hospital admissions, 13 severely injured requiring ICU, 15 severely injured reported by PMH, and 1 death

CM Bazaldua pointed out that the data provided is a bit skewed and would like more details such as what type of motored vehicle caused the injury and if infrastructures have a roll in the accident. CM Mendelsohn suggested that more data be obtained for scooter lanes and designated place to ride. CM Arnold expressed that she is not in favor and would like to get rid of the scooters. She understands innovation is great, but police resources are needed for more serious situations such as sex trafficking and robbery. CM Blewett agreed with CM Arnold.

Chairman McGough stressed that enforcement is important as well as infrastructure and requested that all the data must be presented to move forward.

**6. Public Safety Dashboards**

**Presenter(s):** Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office

**Information Only**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Staff provided the Committee with the month ending October 2019 Public Safety Dashboards in order to provide a comprehensive snapshot of performance measures, critical areas of concerns, and staffing levels.

**7. Briefing by Memorandum: DPD Recruitment**

**Presenter(s):** Chief Renee Hall, Dallas Police Department

**Information Only**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Staff provided the Committee with an update on their recruitment efforts. The Committee asked if the first-time homebuyer programs are promoted when recruiting. Staff advised that recruits are eligible for the first-time home buyer program through the City but not through DPD recruitment perks. The Committee stated that the police academy training facilities needs improvements and they would support a facility that meets DPD needs.

**8. Briefing by Memorandum: Status of Damaged Fire Stations**

**Presenter(s):** Chief Domonique Artis, Dallas Fire-Rescue

**Information Only**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Staff provided the Committee with an update on four fire stations that are currently out of service for various reasons.

**9. Briefing by Memorandum: New Year's Eve Fireworks/Gunfire**

**Presenter(s):** Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office

**Information Only**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Staff informed the Committee that there will be an awareness and enforcement campaign that will run from December 16, 2019 – January 2, 2020 to educate the community and enforce the zero-tolerance message against the use of illegal fireworks and celebratory gunfire in Dallas for the holiday season.

Adjourn (3:56 p.m.)

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Public Safety Committee**

**Crystal Lee, Coordinator  
Public Safety Committee**