

Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, October 12, 2020

Convened: 1:00 P.M.

Adjourned: 4:07 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

DMPT B. Adam McGough, Chair
Carolyn King Arnold, Vice Chair
Adam Bazaldua
David Blewett
MPT Adam Medrano
Cara Mendelsohn
Casey Thomas, II

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Other Council Members Present:

Jennifer Gates
Chad West
Paula Blackmon
Omar Narvaez

AGENDA:

Call to Order (1:00 P.M.)

A. Approval of the September 14, 2020 Minutes

Presenter(s): DMPT B. Adam McGough, Chair
Information Only: ☐

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion made by: Adam Bazaldua
Item passed unanimously: ☒
Item failed unanimously: ☐

Motion Seconded by: MPT Adam Medrano
Item passed on a divided vote: ☐
Item failed on a divided vote: ☐

B. Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives Award (MTSI)

Presenter(s): Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office
Information Only: ☒

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager announced a special recognition to Judge Robinson and his team of judges for their outstanding achievement on receiving the 2020 Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives (MTSI) award.

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

Motion Seconded by:
Item passed on a divided vote: ☐
Item failed on a divided vote: ☐

C. Domestic Violence Task Force Report

Presenter(s): Councilmember Jennifer Gates
Information Only: ☒

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Councilmember Gates provided the Committee with a presentation overview on the Domestic Violence Task Force report. The 2020 Domestic Violence Task Force focuses on increasing shelter space, training police, partnering with public schools, removing barriers to transportation, decreasing the threat of severe injury and death due to domestic violence, and serving multicultural and diverse populations. All questions and concerns were answered.

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. 2020 Violent Crime Reduction Plan Update

Presenter(s): Teena Schultz, Deputy Assistant Chief, Dallas Police Department

Information Only: ☒

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the Committee with an update on their 2020 Crime Reduction Plan. The Committee expressed concern over officer burnout leading to a high turnover rate. Communication was stressed as being important for the committee to know what DPD needs. All questions and concerns were answered.

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. Proposed Resolution Regarding testing Cannabis

Presenter(s): Reuben Ramirez, Deputy Chief of Dallas Police Department

Information Only: ☒

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the Committee with a presentation overview on the Proposed Resolution Regarding Testing Cannabis. John Creuzot, District Attorney briefed the Committee on current policies to testing cannabis. All questions and concerns were answered.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously: ☐

Item failed unanimously: ☐

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote: ☐

Item failed on a divided vote: ☐

F. Municipal Court Update

Presenter(s): Preston Robinson, Municipal Court Judge

Information Only: ☒

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the Committee with a presentation overview of the pandemic's impact on trial settings. It included accomplishments, highlighted challenges faced by the Court, and considerations on the Court's strategies on moving forward. The Committee had no questions on this item.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously: ☐

Item failed unanimously: ☐

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote: ☐

Item failed on a divided vote: ☐

G. 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 Public Safety Dashboards for September 2020 in order to provide a comprehensive snapshot of performance measures, critical areas of concerns, and staffing levels. All questions and concerns were answered.

H. Dallas Police Chief Search Update

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

Information Only: ☒

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing memo referenced on the Dallas Police Search process. After reviewing a total of five firm proposals, the Public Sector Search & Consulting (PSSC) was chosen as the most qualified firm to help select the next police Chief. Staff will provide additional updates as the schedule is developed and the process is underway. The Committee expressed desire to include Dallas stakeholders.

I. 911 Call Center Staffing

Presenter(s): Ulisha Hall, Chief of Police

Information Only: ☒

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing memo referenced on the Dallas Police Communications Update. Staff provided the current key performance metrics and staffing levels, actions currently being undertaken to improve performance, and steps going forward. The Committee requested more information on staffing, including data on the turnover rate.

J. Judicial Nomination Process

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

Information Only: ☒

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing memo referenced on the Appointment of Municipal Judges. The Committee had no questions on this item.

K. COPS Community Policing Development Micro Grant Program-Violence Interruption

Presenter(s): David Pughes, Integrated Public Safety Solutions Office

Information Only: ☒

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing memo referenced on the Community Policing Development Micro Grant Program. All questions and concerns were answered.

APPROVED BY:

DMPT B. Adam McGough, Chair
Public Safety Committee

ATTEST:

Karen Gonzalez, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee

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