

# Public Safety Committee Meeting Record April 7, 2008

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**Meeting Date:** April 7, 2008

**Convened:** 12:03 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 1:53 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, **Chair**  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, **Vice-Chair**  
Jerry R. Allen  
Tennell Atkins  
Sheffie Kadane  
Ron Natinsky  
David A. Neumann  
Mitchell Rasansky

**City Staff Present:**

A.C. Gonzales, Assistant City Manager  
Gloria Lopez Carter, Director, Courts  
Municipal Judge Victor Landers, Judiciary  
Kenny Shaw, Director, OEM  
Cassandra Wallace, OEM  
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR  
Section Chief David Martin, DRR  
Sylvia McClean, CAO

**Committee Members Absent:**

None

**Guests**

Joseph Clark, CERT instructor and  
CERT team volunteers

**AGENDA:**

1. **Call to Order**

**Presenter:** Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2008**

**Presenter:** Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

**The March 3, 2008 Public Safety meeting record was unanimously approved.**

Motion made by: **Ron Natinsky**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Jerry Allen**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Video Magistrate**

**Presenter(s):** Gloria Lopez Carter, Director, Court & Detention Services and  
Municipal Judge Victor Landers, Judiciary

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Ms. Carter gave an overview to the Video Magistrate proposal. Highlights of the presentation were as follows: (1) details of video magistrate (2) background (3) counties/cities using video magistrate (4) pros of using video magistrate (5) equipment and (6) recommendations.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) back up system (2) benefits for the City of Dallas (3) storage of video tapes (4) current retrieval (5) efficiency (6) regression plan (7) expenditures (8) type of cases and (9) written consent (10) cases prohibited and (11) adequate protection of those accused.

**Follow up (if necessary):** The committee requested that staff return to the Public Safety Committee meeting with the following additional information: (1) itemized number of cost savings (2) efficiency (2) equipment has the capacity to store the video magistrate for 90 days (3) number of video tapes that can be stored per day (4) coordination with Communication & Information Services before going forward and (5) Judge Robinson's attendance and input during the follow up committee meeting.

4. **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)**

**Presenter(s):** Kenny Shaw, Director, Office of Emergency Management  
Cassandra Wallace, Program Manager

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Mr. Shaw provided the committee with a discussion of the Community Emergency Response Team briefing. The chair recognized the CERT team volunteers. Topics of discuss were as follows: (1) objectives (2) length of training (3) team composition (4) disaster preparedness (5) fire safety (6) CERT team organization and (7) terrorism and CERT.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) CERT partnership with American Red Cross (2) selection of leaders and (3) community notification.

5. **Thermal Imagers**

**Presenter(s):** Section Chief David Martin, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Section Chief Martin gave a presentation to the fire service use of thermal imaging cameras. Section Chief Martin provided the committee with 2 thermal imagers. Highlights of the presentation were as follows: (1) deployment (2) cost and (3) status of purchase.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) cost (2) response time (3) number of fire apparatus (4) number in service (5) Talisman vs. Bullard and (6) life cycle.

**A motion was made by Mr. Caraway to support the Thermal imagers subject to the need for more Bullard for emergency funds and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval May 14, 2008 council agenda. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

6. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for April 2008**

- Irrigation Services Contract (Purchasing)

A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky support the Irrigation Services Contract and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on April 23, 2008 council agenda. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

7. **Administrative Reports**

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, Dallas Police Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) 2-2-2008, 606 S. good Latimer Expwy. revise the fire cause from combustibile too close to hear source to homeless set fire.

8. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee