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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: May 5, 2008

Convened: 12:37 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:59 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:

Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR
Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Debra K. Carlin
Executive Officer Leanne Siri, DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Deputy Chief Daniel Saldana, DFR
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

Carolyn Davis

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 12:37 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for April 21, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by: **Dwaine Caraway**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Ron Natinsky**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Berkshire Implementation Update**

Presenter(s): Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Fire-Rescue Chief Burns gave an update to the Management and Efficiency Study. The Berkshire Study was completed on July 2007. Dallas Fire-Rescue presented the findings of the Berkshire

Study in August 2007. In January 2008 an update on the Berkshire implementation was presented to the Public Safety Committee. The Berkshire Study recommended a 4-year implementation plan at the cost of \$15.7M. The implementation phase of the study began with the formation of four task forces. Highlights of the presentation were as follows: (1) task force updates (2) service customization task force (3) operations, prevention & arson collaboration task force (4) EMS/Berkshire task force (5) training task force and (6) EMS vision and Berkshire collaboration task force.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) program timeline (2) administration bldg. (3) single family residential fatalities (4) high rise occupancies plan (5) arson awareness campaign (6) chief of staff position (7) 1 shift captain to each zone (North and South) (8) Firefighter/community involvement in the study (9) continuum of integrating the 3 lines of the fire department; EMS, Operations and Fire prevention (10) Advanced Life Support engines (11) current use of occupancy (12) facilities assessment (13) additional medical supervision (14) recruit classes (15) master plan for fire station replacement (16) fire-rescue safety kits (17) council district needs (18) assistant chief of human relations (19) additional fire prevention officers and (20) data management issues.

Follow up: The next Berkshire Update to the committee is scheduled for August 4, 2008.

4. **Arson Overview**

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The Arson Overview was not briefed to the committee.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) car arsons (2) 2006-2007 fire stats comparison to other cities (3) insurance rates (4) incendiary fire and (5) arson educational program.

Follow up: The chair requested an informational memo to the full council regarding a comparison on fire stats/loss with other major cities.

5. **Citizens Fire Academy**

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Daniel Saldana, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The Citizens Fire Academy was not briefed to the committee. The Citizens Fire Academy application enrollment deadline is May 14, 2008. The chair requested that staff brief the committee at the June 2, 2008 Public Safety Committee meeting.

6. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for May 20, 2008**

- Authorize the acceptance of a 2007 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- SCBA's and accessories
- Scrap Tire Removal Contract
- Stormwater modifications

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) replacement of SCBA systems.

7. **Administrative Reports**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) number of occupancies in multi-family units.

8. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

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

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Public Safety Committee