

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 18, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – January 15, 2019**

Staffing Announcement

[Retirement Announcement for Mike Frosch](#)

After 30 years of service with the City of Dallas, Michael Frosch, Director of the Office of Procurement Services, has announced his retirement effective March 1, 2019.

Mike has served in a number of executive roles within the City and was instrumental in the original research and implementation of the City's wage floor policies, recent City Code changes to provide more operational efficiencies within the contracting process, and the Fair Park private management solicitation and contract negotiation.

While we are sad to see Mike leave, we congratulate him on the completion of this major milestone within the public service profession. I will be working with the Chief Financial Officer, Elizabeth Reich, on a transition plan for the new Director. I will keep the City Council apprised of my go forward plan to hire a new Director.

Update Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – January 15 and 22, 2019](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on Tuesday, January 15 and 22, 2019:

January 15, 2019	January 22, 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 500 S. Hill St. (District 2)• 2929 Hickory St. (District 2)• 1400 S. Chestnut (District 7)• 1400 S. St Paul (District 2)• 625 S. Peak St. (District 2)• Live Oak @ N. (District 14)• 1400 Cadiz St. (District 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Blvd at Harwood St. (District 7)• 2249 Malcolm X Blvd (District 7)• 2735 Ferris St. (District 7)• N. Central Expressway at Ross Ave. (District 14)• 2448 Live Oak (District 14)• 4034 Commerce St. (District 2)• 1400 S. St. Paul St (District 2)• E Griffin St at Interstate I-30 East (District 2)

OHS Street Outreach team will continue to engage with homeless individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization staff are meeting with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates. Should you have any questions or concerns,

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please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer or Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

[Additional Public Meetings on Track 4 of the Homeless Solutions Strategy Plan](#)

The Citizen Homelessness Commission's Housing Committee and the Office of Homeless Solutions are co-hosting three additional public meetings to further discuss Track 4, briefed to City Council on August 1, 2018, and the voter-approved 2017 Capital Bond Program: Proposition J (Homeless Assistance Facilities) prior to releasing the Notice of Funding Availability. The bond funds will be used to leverage public/private partnerships to increase the availability of supportive housing for the homeless; funds may also be used for day centers to provide the wraparound services. The meetings are scheduled for January 23rd, January 30th, and February 6th; further details are available in the flyer attached. Should you have any questions, please contact Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer Nadia Chandler Hardy, or Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

[Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas \(KBHCCD\)](#)

The recommended contract for operation and management of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD) was briefed to GPFM Committee on January 7, 2019. City Council action is planned for February 13, 2019, with a 45-day transition and commencement on April 1, 2019. Rosa Fleming, Interim Director of Convention & Event Services will contact your offices to extend an opportunity to schedule one-on-one meetings to answer any questions and provide additional information. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager.

New Items

[Federal Judge Rules on Citizenship Question for 2020 Census](#)

Today, January 15, 2019, a federal judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York ruled against the inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. Several federal lawsuits have been filed challenging the Administration's plans to add the citizenship question, and this is the first major ruling on the issue. It is likely that this decision will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

The City of Dallas and the Mayor's Complete Count Committee continue to have serious concerns about the effect of a citizenship question on Census response rates, and that the inclusion of such a question could result in a less accurate Census count. It is important to ensure that everyone in Dallas is counted, as Census information affects apportionment and the distribution of federal funds. Staff will continue to monitor this issue and keep the City Council apprised of any new developments. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs.

[NTCAHT Award](#)

On Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 2 pm, the North Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking will award the Dallas Police Department's Crimes Against Persons Division for

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their exceptional work to combat human trafficking in North Texas. For your reference, the press release announcing DPD's award is attached. The award ceremony will be held at the Dallas Casa Offices on 2757 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas. City Council Members are invited to attend the award ceremony. To RSVP, please contact Clarin Gniffke at (817) 602-3951. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall.

Special Events Permitting

The Office of Special Events in Convention & Event Services briefed Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee on November 26, 2018, with proposed updates to the special events ordinance. The revision process began in April 2018 and included wide public input, researched best practices and included a new fee study. The recommended ordinance would address parking, traffic closures/detours, public notices and provide additional flexibility in permitting based on event size and other features for each application. With Committee direction, City Council action was forecasted for late January, following additional discussion with film industry and arts stakeholders. At this time, City Council action is forecasted for late February, in order to continue discussions with these stakeholders. The updated ordinance is posted online at www.dallaspecialevents.com. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager.

Atmos Annual Rate Filing

On January 15, 2019, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division (Atmos) submitted its Dallas Annual Rate Review filing. Atmos is requesting an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$10.1 million from customers within the City of Dallas. This is an increase of \$3.05 per month for the average residential customer. The deadline for the City to take action on this filing is May 30, 2019. The City Council will be briefed prior to that date. Staff and the City's consultants are currently reviewing the filing to determine if the requested increase is reasonable. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Nick Fehrenbach, Manager of Regulatory Affairs and Utility Franchising in the Office of Budget.

Dallas Animal Services – Animal Remains Collection

Effective Monday, January 14, 2019, the Department of Sanitation's Animal Remains Collection division began reporting directly to Dallas Animal Services (DAS). The service change will officially be memorialized during the mid-year budget appropriations in April. Through an interdepartmental agreement, Sanitation will reimburse Dallas Animal Services to perform this service, ensuring zero cost to the general fund.

Bringing Animal Remains Collections under DAS will enhance the service provided to Dallas citizens through: improved consistency in scanning for microchips on collected animals, so owners can be notified; enhanced identification and reporting of potential animal cruelty cases; and streamlined dispatching and response.

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Additionally, with the acquisition of the Animal Remains Collection division, DAS has obtained an additional space at the Southeast Service Center on Municipal St. From this new satellite location, DAS will deploy a small team of Animal Control Officers to respond to service requests in the area. Almost 40% of DAS' service requests occur in SE Dallas. The establishment of a remote satellite location in this area will improve both the department's response and presence in the community. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dallas Animal Services' Director, Ed Jamison.

Media Inquiries

As of January 14th, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- TxDOT/Dallas 3G Intersection
- Scooter Inquiry
- Public Safety committee Dashboard
- DFR Urban Search and Rescue Team Rescues Man After ATV Accident at DFW National Cemetery
- Elderly Female Dies After Small Fire in North Dallas Condominium

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the week of January 8th – January 14th for your reference and in the event you are contacted by the press. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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City Manager

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Directors and Assistant Directors



**City of Dallas
Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
January 8 – January 14**

January 9, 2019; Allen Manning, WFAA Cross Platform Managing Editor:

Dallas/TXDOT

Will you confirm that the city and TXDOT agree that this is the best option for this intersection?

Can someone talk to us today about this plan and when it will get underway.

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2019/01/08/txdot-makes-final-decision-east-dallas-3g-intersection-right-one>

Can you tell us when this project will move forward? Timetable- for the project-

City response:

We agree with the outcome of the TxDOT public process and the citizens input.

We referred WFAA to TxDOT as the intersection update is a TxDOT project.

January 9, 2019; Hannah Everman, Assignment Editor:

We are told this company is going through the permitting process to distribute scooters in Dallas. Can you confirm? Thank you!

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/ojo-electric-launches-first-ever-sit-down-electric-scooter-rideshare-program-in-austin-300773137.html>

City response:

This company has not submitted a permit application for review.

January 14, 2019; Ken Kalthoff, NBC News Reporter:

What happened to the public safety dashboard that was posted for the City Council Public Safety Committee? The last one was in November. None in December. None for the Public Safety Committee today. This would have provided all the key information about 2018 for all the issues the dashboard tracked?? I request the 2018-year end information.

City Response:

The Public Safety Dashboard will be briefed on Monday, 1/28, and made available on Friday, 1/25. The Dashboard is typically presented at the second PSCJ briefing of each month.

Note: there was not a Public Safety Committee meeting at the end of December due to Council Recess.



City of Dallas

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Media Requests: January 7th – January 13th, 2019.

Tuesday, January 8th: All local media outlets – Can we have more information on a technical rescue taking place at DFW National Cemetery?

City Response - At 10:03 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched in response to a 911 call, from the DFW National Cemetery, after a man driving an off-road vehicle tumbled down an approximate 10-12 foot embankment.

Though the man's injuries were non-life-threatening, they were such that he required packaging that made it a challenge for him to be extricated using conventional means; so the DFR's Urban Search and Rescue Team was called out to assist.

After he was stabilized, the patient was loaded into a Stokes basket and brought up the embankment, on a rope system, using a low-angle haul.

The man was taken to a local hospital for evaluation of his injuries.

Friday, January 11th: Hannah Everman and Joanna Molinero (NBC 5) - We were reaching out on this IPN on a possible death body investigation on 5200 Keller Springs Road, Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| Special| 5200 Keller Springs Rd| **Engine 7 O/S with a deceased person. Requesting bat chief, arson, EMS and PD to scene| 22:35**

City Response - At 21:32 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for an Automatic Fire Alarm at a condominium complex, located at 5200 Keller Springs Road, in North Dallas.

When firefighters made their way to the area where the alarm was triggered, they found the deceased body of an elderly female inside one of the condominiums.

Though the fire didn't result in any structural damage, its cause is pending the final ruling, on the victim's cause of death, from the Medical Examiner.

Saturday, January 12th: Itzel Hernandez (CBS 11) - Do you have any information about a fatal house fire on 5200 block of Keller Springs Rd? Any information you might have available for us will be very helpful for our newscast at 11am.

NOTE: Considering this was the second inquiry for the same incident (on Friday 1/11) the following information also went out to **all the local news desks**.

City Response - Friday, January 11th, at [21:32](#), Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for an Automatic Fire Alarm at a condominium complex, located at 5200 Keller Springs Road, in North Dallas.

When firefighters made their way to the area where the alarm was triggered, they found a small fire, which they were able to quickly extinguish with a pre-existing water source, in a condominium unit. Unfortunately, they also found the deceased body of a 73 year-old female inside.

The fire is believed to have originated between the kitchen area and a guest bedroom. Though it resulted in minimal structural damage, its cause is pending a final ruling, on the victims cause of death, from the Medical Examiner.

Hosted by: Office of Homeless Solutions and the
Citizen Homelessness Commission's Housing Subcommittee



PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

Join us to discuss Track 4 of the City's Homeless Solutions Strategy Plan
and how the \$20M voter-approved bond funding will be used
to help those experiencing homelessness

WEDNESDAY, JAN 23
VIRTUAL MEETING
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
<http://bit.ly/2VxIR3Y>

WEDNESDAY, JAN 30
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
MEADOWS CONFERENCE CENTER
2900 LIVE OAK, DALLAS, TX 75204

WEDNESDAY, FEB 6
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
J. ERIK JONSSON CENTRAL LIBRARY
COMMUNITY SHOWCASE ROOM
1515 YOUNG STREET, DALLAS, TX 75201

For more information, email HomelessSolutions@dallascityhall.com



North Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 4, 2019

Contact: Clarin Gniffke
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North Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking Survivor Scholarship and 2018 Champion of Freedom Award

Dallas Police Department and Fort Worth Police Department are joint recipients of the 2018 award

DALLAS – As January is Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the North Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking (NTCAHT) is awarding two scholarships to survivors of human trafficking. These survivors are currently pursuing higher education while in the care of service providers currently affiliated with the NTCAHT.

NTCAHT is also holding an event on January 17, 2019 at 2:00PM at Dallas CASA, 2757 Swiss Avenue, Dallas to honor the work of the Dallas Police Department and the Fort Worth Police Department in combatting human trafficking in 2018. Both police departments have shown exemplary efforts in prioritizing the eradication of this issue. Both Dallas Police Chief Renee Hall and Fort Worth Police Chief Joel Fitzgerald have been invited to speak and accept the awards on behalf of their departments. Local, state, and federal elected officials will also be in attendance. Last year Governor Abbott received the Champion of Freedom Award in response to his support for funding a state wide child sex trafficking task force.

Since 2011, the North Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking (NTCAHT) has met monthly in the downtown Dallas area to discuss how human trafficking affects North Texas communities and how to collaboratively combat this problem. The Coalition is made up of social service providers, local and federal law enforcement officers, faith leaders, and other North Texas professionals who are committed to collaborating to identify, assist, and serve trafficked persons, and successfully prosecute their traffickers. The individuals and agencies that make up the Coalition collectively provide health, counseling, legal, and case management services to hundreds of trafficked people each year.

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