

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 10, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – May 7, 2019**

Announcement

The Dallas Police Memorial Ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 11:45 am will be in the A Ballroom of the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center due to a high chance of rain. The Memorial March starting at 11:35 am will begin in the foyer. Please refer to email outlining detailed instructions. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lieutenant Richard J. Foy, Dallas Police Department.

Updated Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – May 7, 2019 & May 14, 2019](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on May 7, 2019 and May 14, 2019:

May 7, 2019	May 14, 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11395 N Stemmons/Harcourt at Emerald (District 6)• 8316 Forest (District 10)• 2652 W Northwest Hwy/Harry Hines at Northwest Hwy (District 6)• North Stemmons Freeway at Medical District (District 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2600 Taylor St (District 2)• 300 Henry St (District 2)• 1900 E R L Thornton Freeway (District 2)• 2100 E R L Thornton Freeway (District 2)• 1100 South Ervay St (District 2)• 1800 South Blvd (District 7)• 4040 Commerce St (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, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, or Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

[Community Clean! Kick-off Date Change](#)

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Department of Code Compliance Services will now kick off its Community Clean! Initiative in Council District 4 starting the week of May 20, 2019. The Initiative will be a proactive approach to educate residents on common code violations and methods of abatement by going door to door making assessments and providing educational material to reduce the impact of illegal dumping, litter, and high weeds in targeted areas and create partnerships between the community and Code

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Compliance. This will be an on-going initiative that will be deployed throughout the City of Dallas by council districts in the months to come. The Community Clean! Initiative will require the special assignment of 4 dedicated 3-person crews and 1 fully staffed Nuisance Abatement crew for rapid response. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, and Lynetta Kidd, Interim Director of the Department of Code Compliance Services.

New Items

[Outstanding Public Service Award](#)

Every year, D Magazine honors top corporate finance executives in Dallas-Fort Worth. The City of Dallas's own Budget Director, Jack Ireland, has received this year's Outstanding Public Service award, recognizing his excellent financial work in the public sector. He was honored at a reception last Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Please join me in congratulating Jack on this great recognition.

[City Hall Video Series](#)

The Office of Public Affairs and Outreach has kicked off a video series called *Inside City Hall*. The series profiles functions of various departments, the opportunities they face, and the accomplishments they have achieved. Videos will also be available for Council Members use for community meetings and any other information sharing opportunities. Currently, there are three videos highlighting Dallas Animal Services, Department of Code Compliance, and Dallas 311. These videos have been uploaded to the City's media platforms and will continue to be uploaded once a week. They will also be embedded within a blog post on the Dallas City News Blog to serve as an evergreen source of content and to allow sharing after initial debut. The next series will feature the Office of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, the Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability, and the Bond Program Office. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gwen Schuler, Director of Public Affairs and Outreach.

[City Councilmember-Elect Onboarding](#)

On Monday, May 6, 2019, the City Manager sent each new City Councilmember-Elect a memorandum (attached) detailing the next steps of their onboarding process. Each City Councilmember-Elect has been assigned a City Council Liaison and been given information on health and insurance benefits. They also received details on the June 17, 2019 Council Inauguration and subsequent orientation meetings. Please look for a memo this Friday with details concerning the Inauguration. Following the June 8, 2019 runoff election, the remaining City Councilmember-Elects will receive the appropriate information. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of the Mayor and City Council Office.

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[HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2019-20 Annual Budget](#)

At the Wednesday, April 17 City Council briefing, staff presented the proposed HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2019-20 through FY 2023-24 and the annual budget for FY 2019-20. The briefing materials included an overview of the City Manager's recommendation as well as a budget amendment and recommendations from the Community Development Commission.

At the May 8, 2019 City Council Voting Agenda meeting, City Council will take action on item #22 for preliminary adoption of the HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the annual budget, and to call a public hearing to receive citizen comments on May 22, 2019.

City Council will have the opportunity to discuss potential amendments to the Consolidated Plan and budget during the May 15, 2019 briefing meeting. **City Council is invited to submit amendments to the HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan and/or FY 2019-20 annual budget for consideration on May 15.** Please submit any proposed amendments that you may have to the Office of Budget by Thursday, May 9. Final adoption is scheduled for June 12, 2019. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jack Ireland, Director or Chan Williams, Assistant Director in the Office of Budget.

[Sustainable Development and Construction Celebrates Building Safety Month](#)

The International Code Council (ICC) has designated May as Building Safety Month. This international campaign aims to raise awareness for building safety. Residents are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property. Each Friday during the month, Sustainable Development and Construction staff will have a table setup within the front foyer of the Oak Cliff Municipal Center (320 E. Jefferson) for the distribution of materials pertinent to building safety, handouts simplifying our customer permitting experience, and refreshments. In addition, Home Depot has provided us the opportunity to setup at three of their locations to further reach the community on Saturdays from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. On Saturday, May 4th, staff handed out information and spoke with customers at the Home Depot store located at 2610 Fort Worth Avenue. On May 11th, Staff will setup at 6110 Lemmon Avenue and on May 18th at 11682 Forest Central Drive. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kris Sweckard, Director of Sustainable Development and Construction.

[Fire Station Closings](#)

Station 19, 5600 E. Grand Ave., Dallas, TX 75223, is closed for kitchen renovation and is estimated to be operational in mid-June. All of Station 19 will be housed at and responding from, Station 44, 2025 Lagow St., Dallas, TX 75210. Station 57, 10801 Audelia Rd., Dallas, TX 75238, is closed for approach repair and is estimated to be operational one week after the weather is clear to pour concrete. Truck 57 will be

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relocated to Station 29, 9830 Shadow Way, Dallas, TX 75243 and Engine 57 will be housed at and responding from Station 28, 8701 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75243. Rescue 57 will be housed at and responding from Station 48, 10480 Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX 75238. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager.

[2500/2600 Louise and Dawson Street Encampment Closure and Site Hardening](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has identified 2500/2600 Louise and Dawson Street between Good Latimer and Malcolm X in Council District 7 as an encampment site in need of permanent closure due to health and safety concerns. Closure is scheduled for 9:00 am on Friday, May 17, 2019. OHS is leading a collaborative effort to connect persons experiencing homelessness that have been residing at Louise and Dawson Streets to shelter and resources. Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) is spearheading the outreach efforts. After closure and cleaning of the site, OHS will repair and secure the fence with a lock box and Dallas Police Department (DPD) will assist OHS in continuous monitoring. The closure of this site is aligned with the OHS's implementation of site hardening and reclamation strategy. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler-Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer or Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

[MayFair Reimagined Update](#)

The Senior Affairs Commission has established a small working group to discuss how to move forward with the annual MayFair event. MayFair has typically been held during Older American's Month, but given the large concentration of events during the month of May – such as the Parks and Recreation Department's Senior Mother's Day Luncheon and DART's Older American's Month Event (see attached flyer for additional information) – the group has determined that they want to schedule the newest iteration in the Fall instead. The MayFair Reimagined working group, looking to Tarrant County's Senior Synergy event for inspiration, wants to add an emphasis on connections to programming, services and educational opportunities to the new event. As the group finalizes its plan, staff will provide additional information. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer or Jessica Galleshaw, Director of Office of Community Care.

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of April 29, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Accident Involving DFR
- Man Trapped in High Water

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the April 29, 2019-May 7, 2019 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

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Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
April 29 – May 6

April 29, 2019; Cassandra Jaramillo, Reporter, The Dallas Morning News: Here are the few things that I could use some help with:

1. I wanted to confirm that the city of Dallas **does** offer benefits for survivors of city employees, but it's a benefit that's available in the case that the loved one dies on the job.
2. In Kristi's case, did the city determined it was not an active duty death?
3. Can you confirm if Kristi's husband was eligible for retirement as a city of Dallas employee?
4. Additionally, I wondered if you could confirm to me that the item was scheduled for discussion on the agenda on March 22, 2019 in the public safety and criminal justice committee meeting? The memo [sounds very similar to her case.](#)

City Response (answer provided by department on May 3, 2019): Good morning Cassandra,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked to get you this information. Please see the statement and summary below from the City of Dallas. If there is anything else I can assist you with, please let me know.

“The City of Dallas is still deeply saddened by the loss of David Walters. We continue to send our sincerest condolences to the Walters family.

Any loss of life is heartbreaking, and it compels us to take a closer look at policies currently in place to ensure we are working in the best interest of our employees and their families. During the March 25 Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee meeting, the current policy survivors' benefits was discussed. Council asked that an analysis be completed and brought back to the committee. The date for the analysis to be completed is still pending.”

Please see the summary below to address your questions:

The City of Dallas (COD) offers Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) benefits to eligible dependents of employees who die while off duty. COBRA gives workers and their families who lose their health benefits the right to choose to continue group health benefits provided by their group health plan for limited periods of time under certain circumstances, such as death and other life events. These benefits for off-duty deaths are consistent with other municipalities.

At COD, surviving dependents are given a 60-day grace period to opt in or out of COBRA benefits, and if elected, the coverage is retroactive so that there is no gap in coverage. The COD also provides survivor support through a life insurance policy of

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\$50,000 provided by the City. Death benefits are given to the appropriate beneficiary after a death certificate is presented.

David Walters' death was confirmed to be not on-duty because he was not on shift or working in any capacity for the City of Dallas and/or Dallas Fire-Rescue. In order for a not on-duty death to be classified as on-duty it has to meet certain criteria of Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program or State of Texas, Employee Retirement System of Texas (ERS). To obtain employee's personnel records, such as an employee's retirement eligibility, an open records request must be filed.

April 30; Clayton Neville, Reporter/Anchor, WBAP/FLIF: We have noticed the fence and plastic covering the monument at Pioneer Park. could you tell me when the scheduled date of removal is? And/or what the planned process for removal is? Is there currently an appeal ongoing with the Landmarks decision to approve the confederate memorial from Pioneer Park? Or has that process cleared?

City Response: At this time no date has been set for removal and the city is currently looking to identify a vendor for the process. We will be happy to discuss a phone interview when there is more information to update you on. Two appeals were filed in April. The appeals have been scheduled for the City Plan and Zoning Commission on May 16, 2019.

May 2, 2019; Samantha Chatman, Investigative Reporter; We plan on interviewing this person in the next hour and were hoping to get a statement from the city. Last week, we informed our viewers that that they could file a claim with the city, but we're now hearing that the city is denying claims.

Can the city explain this?

City Response: The City of Dallas, as a municipality in Texas, is bound by the Texas Tort Claims Act when a claim is presented. The Act provides that a municipality is only responsible for property damage that arises out of the negligent use of motorized equipment by a city employee. Unfortunately, the vehicles that were flooded in the Love Field parking lot would not fall under this responsibility and the City would have immunity for these damages. Thus, claims submitted to the City will be denied.

The City of Dallas recommended that the vehicle owners report the claims to their insurance carriers to get immediate resolution of damages. If the vehicle owners insist on filing a claim, they can make a claim with the City by accessing the notice of claim form at:

<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/officeriskmanagement/Pages/default.aspx>

May 2, 2019; Laura Cruces, Univision 23; We want to know if is possible to get an interview with you regarding de Leeve projects for Cadillac Heights. When construction begins? I understand there are more than 80 projects to protect the city from flooding. Which ones are ready? Do you have a record of the most vulnerable areas?

Please let me know if we can talk to you, or if you can provide me with that information.

City Response: Design activities by the US Army Corps of Engineers, related on the Cadillac Heights and Lamar Levees is expected to after the project agreement is

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passed by the City Council in late May or early June. As part of the Dallas Floodway Extension, these projects are funded and constructed by the US Army Corps of Engineers and supported by the City. These projects are expected to be completed by December 2024, depending on weather conditions. Separate from these projects' funding, the 2006 and 2012 bond program included funds for residential buy-outs in the Cadillac Heights area for public facilities.

May 2, 2019; Arya Sundaram, Texas Tribune; I've been trying for some time to get in touch with a member of your transportation department, Towfiq Khan, who testified in the capitol on behalf of red-light cameras in your city. Specifically wondering about this: He said the city has seen a 70% reduction in all types of crashes at red-light intersections – and an 86% reduction in right-angle collisions. Do these numbers apply to all red-light intersections? Or only where there are cameras?

Can you give me his contact information?

City Response: Mr. Khan isn't available to speak, but the City's Automated Red Light Enforcement Commission (ARLEC) just met and Mr. Khan briefed them on a legislative update. The ARLEC meeting is available here - <https://dallastx.swagit.com/play/04302019-609>

May 2, 2019; Cynthia Lemus, Reporter, Univision; We are interested in as for an interview today respect the flood in this weather season. This weather can be severe in this season and we want ask about the plan to clean the trash in the street for possible flooding issue.

City Response: Please see responses to your questions below:

- What can residents do to help avoid flooding due to sewers full of trash?

Residents can assist with efforts to keep the storm drains and creeks clear of debris through a number of measures but particularly not blowing leaves and grass clippings into the inlets, removing standing debris away from inlets and reporting any visual blockages to 311 through call or use of the application and / or the website.

- What is your advise for the community when driving during rainy days?

Turn around, don't drown. Water can be deeper and moving faster than it appears and avoiding these situations is the safest alternative.

- Have people reported before problems with sewers in the city of Dallas?

The City does not have combined sanitary and storm sewers. Should residents notice areas where storm drainage systems do not appear to be functioning properly, please report to 311 as mentioned above.

- How can people take care of themselves during these rainy days, general advise?

Pay attention to the weather advisories and use good judgement when choosing routes to walk, bike or drive.

May 6 2019; Demond Fernandez, Reporter, WFAA: Good morning, I understand this week the City of Dallas will begin the Code Compliance Community Clean! Kick Off in

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District 4. I'd like to link up with one of the crews that is going door-to-door in a neighborhood. I'd like to get video of them and discuss what the Code Compliance Community Clean initiative is about, in addition to what residents can expect. Is there a convenient time and location where we could meet up with one of the teams after 11 this morning, to cover this proactive initiative the City is doing in District 4?

City Response: Hi Demond, We won't be able to accommodate your request this week. The timeline for the Code Compliance Community Clean! Kick Off in District 4 has changed to later this month.

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: April 29th – May 5th, 2019.

Tuesday, April 30th: NBC 5 (Hannah Everman) - I was just trying to check up on this on the log – does this mean it's a DFR unit involved in the accident? If so, do you have any details? Thanks!

City Response - I don't have accident details but I can tell you that a DFR engine was involved in an accident with another vehicle, at the 9400 block of Forest Lane, while heading back to the station from a response. No one from the engine was injured, but the driver of the other vehicle was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The accident happened at approximately 11:15.

Sunday, May 5th: All local news desks - Is there any information available regarding a possible water rescue in the 8700 block of TX-310 around 4:15am this morning?

City Response - Units were assigned to this call around 3:45 this morning. Information in the initial incident report indicated that a man was trapped in a ditch, in his vehicle along Highway 310, in rising waters. I can't confirm that an actual rescue was conducted; but after he was located, the incident report also indicates that the man was "out of the water and walking out" at approximately 4:30. He was not taken to the hospital.