



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE  
CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 300 W. MAIN STREET  
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 AT 4:00 PM

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

#### PRESENT

Chairman Jeff Copeland  
Council Member Cole Humphreys  
Council Member Dennis King

### AGENDA ITEMS

**1. March 1, 2021 Public Safety, Health and Environment Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to approve minutes by Council Member Humphreys, Seconded by Chairman Copeland. Minutes passes as presented.

**2. Review and approve changes to the EMS subscription program fee**

Chief Fite presented overview of the subscription program. There is an annual fee for unlimited use of ambulance service. For members of the program, insurance is submitted for the service and remaining fee is waived. Chief Fite recommended an increase in fee from \$75/year to \$100/year due to a loss being incurred over the past two years. This item will go to Finance & Government on May 4<sup>th</sup> and to council on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The city has been in the negative with this program in 2019 and 2020. An increase would provide profit for 3-5 years. Chairman Jeff Copeland asked if we wanted to consider limiting or not adding new subscribers to the program. Deputy City Manager Steve Dye recommended holding off on limiting subscribers as there is pending legislation regarding adding ambulance fees on water bill service and stated this item may have to go to the voters after we see what happens with the legislation. Chief Fite stated that compared to Medstar operating out of Fort Worth, which charges for coming out to the location, the city only charges a fee if patient is transported. Motion was made by Councilmember Humphreys and seconded by Chairman Copeland to show support for this item from the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee. No further discussion.

**3. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Master Memorandum of Understanding / Interlocal Agreement (MOU/ILA) with the City of Fort Worth, City of Irving, City of Frisco, City of Hurst, and City of Haltom City for the participation in the Dallas / Fort Worth First Responders Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Network**

Assistant Police Chief Christy Martinez presented indicating this agreement would provide support and debrief in case of disaster in our sister cities. Mr. Dye stated that this agreement aided us by providing support when we lost officer AJ Martinez and the city has been a

member for two years, informally for 4-5 years. This program provides post-traumatic stress counseling for staff. Councilmember Dennis King who is also a pastor stated the benefits of this type of program and supports this item. Motion was made by Councilmember Humphreys and seconded by Councilmember King to show support for this agenda item from the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee. No further discussion.

**4. Discussion on Resolution supporting the one-year continuation of the Police Department's Victim Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$176,752**

Assistant Police Chief Martinez presented this item noting the city has had over 2000 follow-up contacts with victims of sexual abuse, family violence and identity theft. She advised this program is currently staffed with two full time employees and the money is used to cover cost of salaries for both full time employees. Mr. Dye stated that this item and item 5 were considered by council and approved on April 6th. Due to rescheduling of today's meeting, these items are being presented to bring everyone up to speed and out of respect for the process. All committee members are in support of this item. No action necessary.

**5. Discussion of Metal Recycling Entities**

Deputy Chief of Police Brad Leonard presented and noted it was approved by council at the April 6th meeting. The city has had issues with auto and metal theft due to the increase in the price of titanium and platinum. The city has had over 900 catalytic converter thefts. The intent of the ordinance is to curb the sale of these items. Individual wanting to sell these items must provide identification as a legitimate auto repair business. Of 400 catalytic converters sold, 200 were from individuals. Individual owners will be able to sell their personal catalytic converter with proof of ownership and towing the vehicle to the business. Chairman Copeland liked that the ordinance is pro business. Deputy Chief Leonard stated Grand Prairie has more metal recycling facilities than surrounding cities. Assistant City Attorney Tiffany Bull stated that other cities are asking for ordinance and information about our ordinance. All committee members are in support of this item. No action necessary.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

  
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Chairman, Jeff Copeland

