



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, 300 W. MAIN STREET  
MONDAY, JUNE 07, 2021 AT 4:00 PM

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Council Member Cole Humphreys  
Council Member Dennis King

ABSENT

Chairman Jeff Copeland

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **April 12, 2021 Public Safety, Health and Environment Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to approve minutes by Council Member Humphreys, Seconded by Council Member Dennis King. Minutes passed as presented.

2. **Price Agreement Contract for product or service from Front Line Mobile Health (\$80,000 annually) through a Master Interlocal Agreement with City of Fort Worth. This agreement will be for one year with the option to renew for 4 additional one-year periods totaling approximately \$320,000 if all extensions are exercised. Authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of up to \$50,000 so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms**

Fire Chief Robert Fite briefed the committee on this item. He explained that the fire department would like to switch from Life Scan to Front Line Mobile to do the medical assessments on fire fighters. Every year half of the department will get a medical assessment and the next year the other half will. The money for this item will come from the GPDFD trust fund. This item will also be on the next City Council Meeting Agenda. No further discussion.

3. **Enter into asset management program for emergency medical equipment through Stryker LLC at \$443,070.00 per year for a total cost of \$4,430,699.80 over 10 years.**

Fire Chief Robert Fite briefed the committee on this item. He is proposing a 10 year contract in which we will break even by the end of the contract. This will mean that the Fire Department will always have the latest and greatest medical equipment with servicing of all products included. If we get a new apparatus we will get new medical equipment to go in it. This will not go into effect until the next fiscal year, which is October. We are bringing this item 3

months early to give legal time to get the contracts together. This will also be on the next City Council Meeting Agenda.

**4. Crime Prevention HEAT Strategy**

Police Chief Daniel Scesney briefed the committee on this item. He explained the HEAT program, Historical Evidence-based Analysis & Trends, is a program that targets high crime areas. Our Officers check 10 sites 12 times per day in order to drive down crime and it has been working well. We don't only have Officers in those areas but also other resources like drones, message boards, bicycle unit and other specialty units. One specific area we have targeted is the north west part of our city, where several apartment complexes are. In September and October they were inundated with car thieves. As of June 2nd we are down 4% in crime and down 5% in crime over the last five years. No action necessary.

**5. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Master Memorandum of Understanding / Interlocal Agreement (MOU/ILA) with the City of Dallas to participate in the North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force**

Police Chief Daniel Scesney briefed this committee on this item. We partner with Dallas to fight the Internet Crimes Against Children program and goes after pedophiles. Detective Brandon Poor runs this operation and he even travels to Columbia to train other departments on how to catch and track down pedophiles.

**6. 23<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Judicial Report**

Judge Bryan Arnold briefed the committee on this item. He presented a rolling 12 month Judicial Activity Report. He explained that Class C Arraignments went up significantly but that included cities in our region not only Grand Prairie. Trials by Judge and Jury are still on hold due to COVID but we are hoping to start those up again in July. Items added to this report is the tracking of Counsel Requested trials, the addition of Magistrate's Order for Mental Health Assessments and Ignition Interlock systems. He also mentioned the Juvenile HELP program that should be starting up pretty soon as well. HELP, which stands for Help Exploring Life's Potential, is headed up by Assistant Police Chief Anthony Hogan and consist of Officers in plain clothes mentoring juveniles who have been in some trouble and may benefit from this program. No action necessary.

**7. Egrets & Nuisance Heronries Update**

Supervisor of Health Programs Werner Rodriguez briefed the committee on this item. He explained the nuances of the different birds that have cause neighborhoods in Grand Prairie problems, specifically the cattle bird. The cattle bird is a migrating bird and likes to nest in untrimmed mature live oak trees. The city has sent information to citizens on how to deter these birds and have had community meetings. Last year the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee asked Environmental to look into obtaining a depredation permit from the US Fish & Wildlife. Depredation Permits have very specific guidelines and we are still waiting to hear back if we are able to obtain one. The city is willing to do anything we can to prevent these

birds to overtake neighborhoods but we can only do so much within our budget. Deputy City Manager Steve Dye would like Environmental come back with what the Biologist says about if we are able to get a depredation permit and the cattle bird numbers in the city. The next community meeting on Egrets & Nuisance Heronries is in September. No further discussion.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**


There was no executive session.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.



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*Cole Humphreys, Council Member*