



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson
Council Member Dennis King
Council Member Junior Ezeonu

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **September 13, 2021 Public Safety, Health and Environment Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu to approve minutes, Seconded by Council Member King.

Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

2. **Aquatics Safety Measures**

Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation Duane Strawn started this item off and introduced his team that would be presenting to include Certified Pool Operators Erin Hart, Chris Ginapp and Jeremy Thomas. This item was brought to the committee due to a recent tragic news story that happened in a surrounding city, to make sure that we are doing everything we can to make our pools and splash pads safe. Chris Ginapp explained that if any of our pools are open they are always fully staffed to include a supervisor. Employees arrive at least 30 minutes early to check levels in the water, if they are not right there will be a delayed opening. At the end of each day employees clean and disinfect all public places at the pool. Our Splash Factory in Grand Prairie was recently remodeled and there were a lot of upgrades to include an automatic water shut down if the chlorine and other chemical levels are not at the right balance. Employees at the city pools check levels throughout the day and make a record of it. These records are kept on file for an extended period of time and can be reference if needed at any time. No further discussion.

3. **City Emergency Shelter Update**

Emergency Management Coordinator, Chase Wheeler briefed the committee on this informational item. He advised that we will soon have a warming/cooling center plan in writing so we know what we need to do in the future for any emergency weather situations. The city has signed a contract with American Red Cross in order to have them setup emergency shelters if needed in our city. Discussion was had on congregate and non-congregate shelters. Ray Riedinger with Facility Services briefed the committee on power generation for our warming/cooling stations which are Betty Warmack Library, Charley Taylor Recreation Center and Dalworth Recreation Center. There will be an item on the City Council Agenda and Finance & Government Committee in the next 60 days in order to receive funding for these generators. A warming and cooling center plan was submitted to the state in January for approval. No further discussion.

4. **2022 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting Schedule**

Only meeting cancelled is March 7th, 2022.

Motion made by Council Member King, Seconded by Council Member Ezeonu.

Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

5. **A Resolution amending, and replacing in its entirety, Resolution No. 5158-2021, ratifying support of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for \$60,000 in total funding for the purpose of funding a Crisis Support Specialist position's annual salary and fringe benefits**

Assistant Director of Police Operations Support Bureau Ryan Simpson briefed the committee on this item. He advised that the original grant was for \$86,000 and the state of the government approved \$60,000. This will be for the hiring of a new Crisis Support Specialist. Item needs approval to accept funds.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Council Member King.

Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

6. **Resolution in support of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$38,384 in total funding with an agreement for \$11,515.20 to be allocated to funding Dallas County projects and \$1,880.82 to be allocated to the City of Dallas for fiscal administration fees and expenditures leaving a net amount of \$24,987.98 to the City of Grand Prairie**

Assistant Director of Police Operations Support Bureau Ryan Simpson briefed the committee on this item. He advised that this grant was approved for just under \$25,000, which is money that we receive every year to purchase spare laptops and docks for fleet vehicles so that we do not have to bring the vehicle to the shop and we can add them internally. We have several different employees that write these grants each year. Item needs approval to accept funds.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Council Member King.
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

EXECUTIVE SESSION

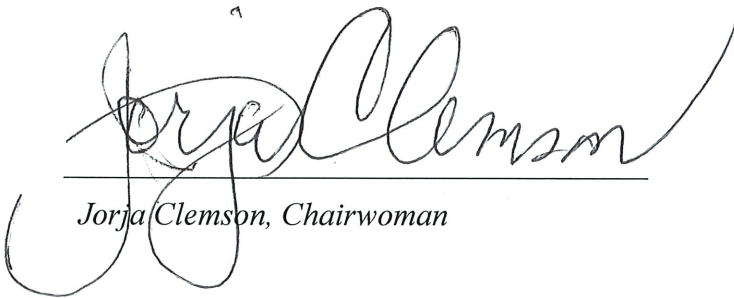
There was no executive session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

4:04 p.m.



Jorja Clemson

Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman