



Meeting Agenda

Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee

Monday, March 2, 2020

4:00 PM

Council Briefing Room

Call to Order

Agenda Items

Citizens may speak on any item on the agenda for up to five minutes by completing and submitting a speaker card.

- 1 [20-9701](#) Minutes of January 06, 2020 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting
Attachments: [PSHE January 6, 2020 Minutes.docx](#)

- 2 [20-9726](#) Dollar Store Discussion
Attachments: [Income and Location of Other Food Stores](#)
[Income and Location of Dollar Stores](#)
[Existing Stores by Address](#)

- 3 [20-9727](#) Short-Term Rentals Discussion

- 4 [20-9774](#) Semi-Annual Fire Department update

- 5 [20-9809](#) 19th Judicial Quarterly Report
Attachments: [19TH PSE QUARTERLY REPORT.NOV.DEC.2019-JAN.2020.docx](#)

- 6 [20-9784](#) Off-Duty Police Officer Traffic Direction at Traders Village

- 7 [20-9831](#) Interlocal Price Agreement for Body Worn Cameras with Axon, Inc., in the amount of \$15,631 for the current year, and for \$8,544 for each of the four subsequent renewals, totaling \$49,807 if all extensions are executed through a national interlocal agreement with Buyboard; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms
Attachments: [Expenditure Information Form - Animal Services Body Cams](#)

- 8 [20-9803](#) Ordinance amending Chapter Five, "Animal Services," Section 5-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, to adjust adoption policy to reflect industry best practices and discontinue adopter-specific citation process

Executive Session

The Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee may conduct a closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A. to discuss the following:

- 1. Section 551.071 "Consultation with Attorney"*
- 2. Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property"*
- 3. Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters"*
- 4. Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations"*

Citizen Comments

Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

Adjournment

Certification

In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A. the [Enter Committee Name] Committee meeting agenda was prepared and posted February 28, 2020.

Mona Lisa Galicia, Deputy City Secretary

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Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 20-9701 **Version:** 1 **Name:** PSHE Minutes January 6, 2020
Type: Agenda Item **Status:** Agenda Ready - Committee
File created: 1/14/2020 **In control:** Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee
On agenda: 2/3/2020 **Final action:**
Title: Minutes of January 06, 2020 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting
Sponsors:
Indexes:
Code sections:
Attachments: [PSHE January 6, 2020 Minutes.pdf](#)

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From
Lana Yancey

Title
Minutes of January 06, 2020 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting

Presenter
Chairman Jeff Copeland

Recommended Action
Approve

Analysis
Minutes are attached.



PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 6, 2019

The Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting was called to order by Council Member Cole Humphreys at 4:04 p.m. on November 4, 2019 at the Grand Prairie City Hall, Council Briefing Room; 317 College St., Grand Prairie, Texas.

Attendees:

Council Members Cole Humphreys and John Lopez were present. Staff members present: Chief Steve Dye, Judge Bryan Arnold, Assistant City Attorney Tiffany Bull, Assistant City Attorney Chuong Phung, Environmental Quality Manager Cindy Mendez, Environmental Employees Chandani Rana and Werner Rodriguez, Code Compliance Manager Steve Collins and Recording Secretary Lana Yancey.

Consider Minutes of November 4, 2019

The Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee minutes for November 4, 2019 were approved by Council Member Cole Humphreys and John Lopez. The minutes carried unanimously.

Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Article XX. Automotive Related Business Regulations

Environmental Quality Manager Cindy Mendez briefed the committee on Auto Related Business Ordinance Updates. This Ordinance is a Clean Prairie initiative, and was published in 2005. This amendment will help fix compliance among Operators. There is a \$25 application fee and a \$250 inspection fee. All Auto Related Businesses are required to get a permit. The permit does not expire. Owners are required to sign an affidavit and understand that they have to take responsibility for what goes on at business location. The permit will be suspended or revoked if not in compliance. This can be appealed within 10 days of revocation or suspension, and can go to district court. Appeal process will go to Deputy City Manager Steve Dye and then County court if necessary. Once this goes into effect businesses will have 90 days or until April 7th to obtain a permit. Environmental has letters ready to go out to all property owners/businesses, in English and Spanish. Work Orders will now be available for ARB's to utilize, which allows us to track needed repairs, control enforcement action and have a clear understanding of what is being done. Those loading and unloading on the street will now be in violation, along with clutter, trash and illegal items stored outside. Businesses will have 10 days to make repairs to damaged or deteriorating parking lots. This will help the businesses have a site plan of parking, in order to have structure to their parking lots with fire lane and where customers park. Inoperable vehicles are required to be behind a privacy fence. Citations and Warrants have been issued in the past for violations, but some businesses don't care and just pay the fine. Owners are more worried about operators paying their rent than being compliant. It is grounds for revocation of a permit if an ARB is placed on deferred disposition for receiving 6 or more violations in the preceding 12 months. Those 6 violations must have been received 6 different dates. Question was asked if the city is being over restrictive. Most are in compliance but there are some that stay in noncompliance. Question was asked if there would be consideration for changing the 6 violations to 4 or 5 violations in the preceding 12 months to help with that problem. Some of these ARB's are also a block or so away from residential streets. In 2018 there was over \$53,000 in citations for ARB enforcement. The April 7th meeting will display images of different violations. This ordinance will show all opportunities that the businesses had to become compliant. Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee support this item.

18th Judicial Quarterly Report August-September-October 2019

Judge Bryan Arnold briefed the committee on the August thru October Judicial Activity Report. Judge Arnold advised that numbers maintained where they were. Since going to Electronic Search Warrants numbers have gone up for DWI Blood Draws. Regarding DWI blood draws, Grand Prairie Police Department does not issue breathalyzers, they do expedient blood draws which is our counter measure. Our Magistrates are very responsive to help with warrants and they are taken straight to a medical facility. This has reduced overtime in court for offenders appealing. Most scheduled trials are resolved prior to actually going to trial. Officers can also use their discretion if someone is not intoxicated, but has beer on their breath, someone else can drive or call someone to come get them.

Property Hearings will be added in the future. There is a hearing for property owners to retrieve their stolen items when a burglary has taken place and those items were taken to a pawn shop. Judge Arnold advised that Grand Prairie Police Detective Hayden has moralized the process and has made it go smoothly. Judge Mazer does the property hearings. Some Pawn Shops electronically add items into LEADS Online, which is how Detective Hayden can locate stolen items so quickly. Detective Hayden makes visits to Pawn Shops as well and helps with prosecution and recovery of items. There are at times some very valuable items disputed.

Councilman Cole Humphreys asked if an animal is left outside is that animal cruelty? This is subjective, depending on the weather and food and water and if they are tied up. Animal Services would be better to answer this question.

Comment made from Mr. John Lopez was regarding curfew cases and if they would go up once Main Event opens. He is interested in ways to educate the public and parents. Police Officers can use their discretion here as well instead of detaining juveniles, they call their parents to pick them up. There were no other comments regarding this matter and the committee thanks Judge Arnold for the discussion.

Discussion was had on adding a Crime Rate and Code Compliance Meeting to update on numbers starting in April. Chief Scesney would come to meeting and share the numbers.

Load up Public Safety, Health and Environmental agenda or change the frequency of the meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	20-9726	Version:	1	Name:	Dollar Store Discussion
Type:	Agenda Item	Status:		Status:	Agenda Ready - Committee
File created:	1/23/2020	In control:		In control:	City Council Development Committee
On agenda:	3/3/2020	Final action:		Final action:	
Title:	Dollar Store Discussion				
Sponsors:					
Indexes:					
Code sections:					
Attachments:	Income and Location of Other Food Stores Income and Location of Dollar Stores Existing Stores by Address				

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From

Chris Hartmann

Title

Dollar Store Discussion

Presenter

David P. Jones, AICP, Chief City Planner

Recommended Action

Approve

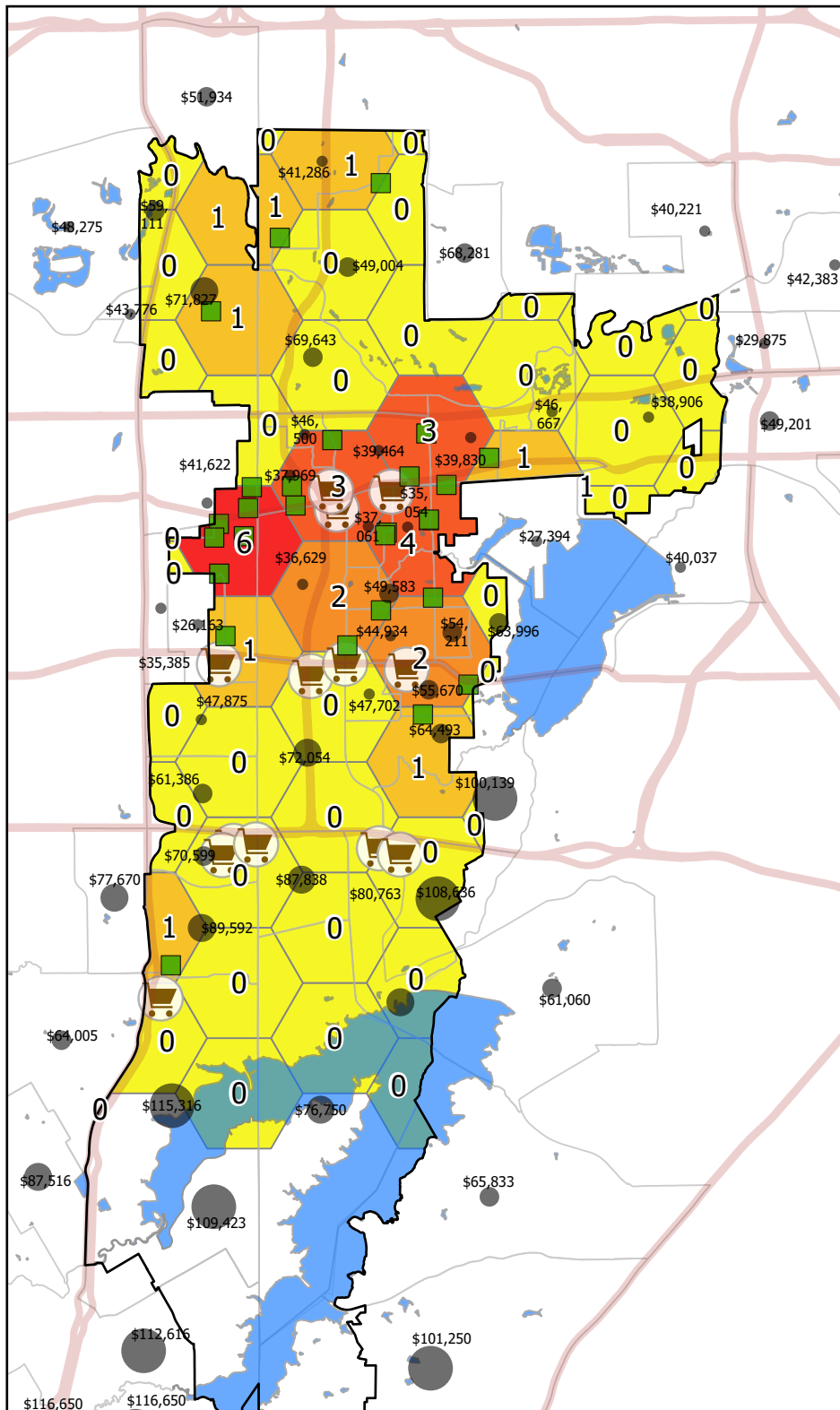
Analysis

Staff is proposing for discussion several regulations regarding small format retail or grocery stores, often known as "dollar stores". These stores are typically less than 12,000 square feet and offer a selection of groceries and home goods that are more limited than a full-service grocery store. Typically, these stores have little or no fresh produce, no fresh meat, no bakery, and no pharmacy. Food items are typically canned or frozen. Due to their small format and low prices, these stores, with some exceptions, are built in neighborhood settings away from freeway interchanges and larger anchored developments or power centers.

In the past few years, several cities around the United States, including cities in the DFW area, have passed regulations that limit the ability of these stores to cluster near other such stores, and that require a minimum square footage of fresh produce (fruits and vegetables). In the coming months, staff expects to bring forward a formal proposal to add similar regulations to the Unified Development Code. At this stage, staff requests the Committee's input and feedback for discussion.

Body

Income and Location of Other Food Stores



Dollar Store Distribution

Other Food Stores Count
(1-Sq Mile Hexagon)

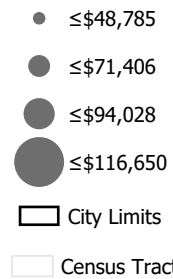


Grocery Stores



Other Food Stores

Median HH Income *



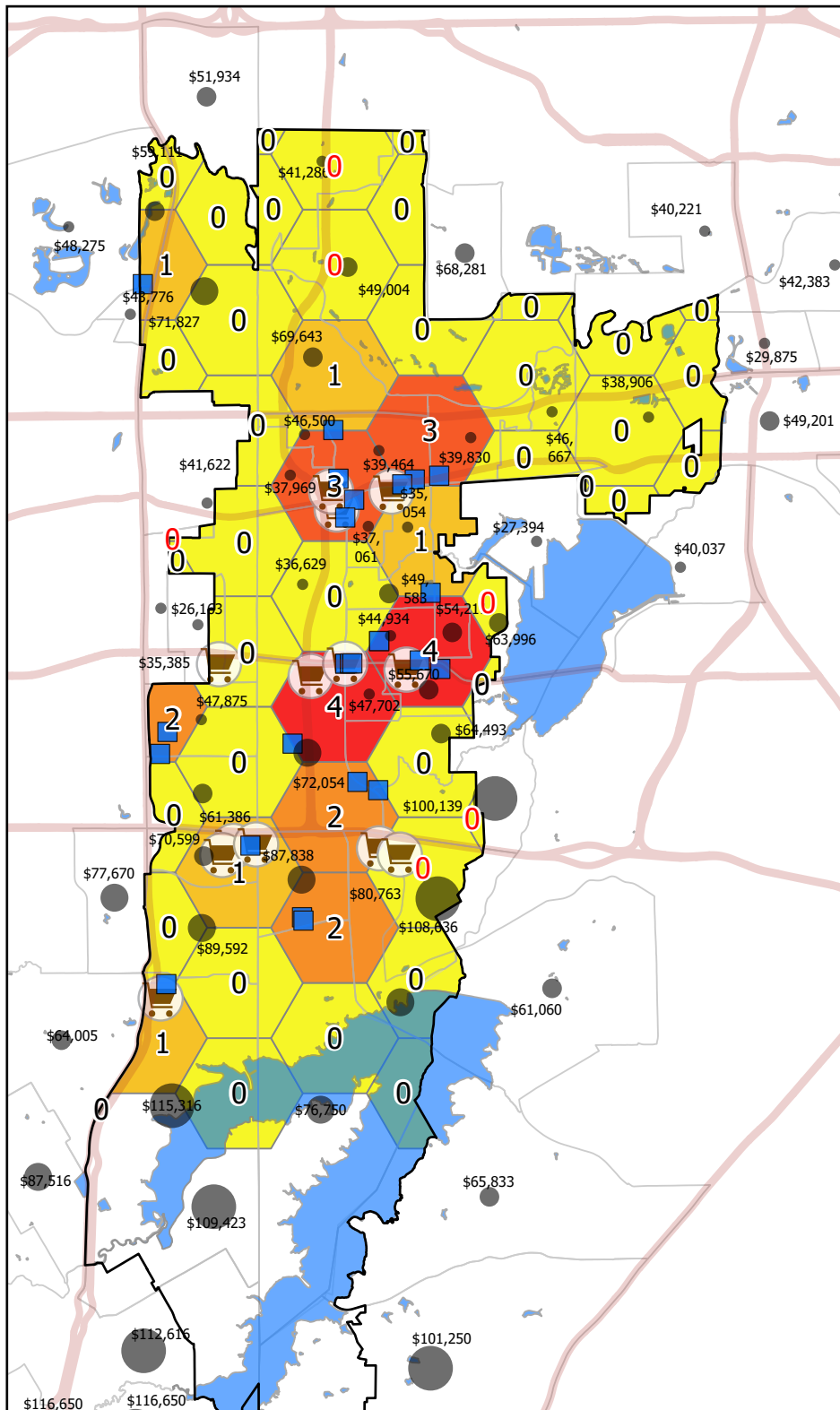
* American Community Survey
Median Income 2013-2017, for Grand
Prairie census tracts, downloaded
from Census Bureau's API for
American Community Survey

Prepared by IT/GIS, Feb. 21, 2019



1 inch equals 2 miles

Income and Location of Dollar Stores



Dollar Store Distribution

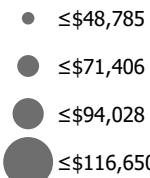
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Grocery Stores

■ Dollar Stores

Median HH Income *



City Limits

Census Tract

* American Community Survey Median Income 2013-2017, for Grand Prairie Census tracts, downloaded from Census Bureau's API for American Community Survey

Prepared by IT/GIS, Feb. 21, 2019



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BUSINESS	ADDRESS	STE	APTNR	City	State	Zip
DOLLAR GENERAL	1700 W POLO RD			Grand Prairie	TX	75052
DOLLAR GENERAL	604 E PIONEER PKWY			Grand Prairie	TX	75051
SUPER DISCOUNT STORE	737 W JEFFERSON ST			Grand Prairie	TX	75051
DOLLAR TREE	5216 S HWY 360			Grand Prairie	TX	75052
DOLLAR GENERAL	1511 S BELT LINE RD			Grand Prairie	TX	75051
DOLLAR TREE	430 E MAIN ST			Grand Prairie	TX	75050
FAMILY DOLLAR # 10822	3709 S CARRIER PKWY			Grand Prairie	TX	75052
FAMILY DOLLAR # 6962	2910 MAYFIELD RD			Grand Prairie	TX	75052
FAMILY DOLLAR	2806 GREEN OAKS BLVD			Grand Prairie	TX	75050
DOLLAR GENERAL	508 N CARRIER PKWY			Grand Prairie	TX	75050
DOLLAR GENERAL	3480 S CARRIER PKWY	110		Grand Prairie	TX	75052
DOLLAR TREE	3166 S HWY 161	130		Grand Prairie	TX	75052
DISCOUNT MORE 4 LESS	2125 SW 3RD ST	138		Grand Prairie	TX	75051
DOLLAR TREE	2506 S BELT LINE RD			Grand Prairie	TX	75052
FAMILY DOLLAR	1054 N CARRIER PKWY			Grand Prairie	TX	75050
FAMILY DOLLAR	926 E MAIN ST			Grand Prairie	TX	75050
DISCOUNT OUTLET STORE	2969 RED HAWK DR			Grand Prairie	TX	75052
DD'S DISCOUNT	2500 S CARRIER PKWY	A		Grand Prairie	TX	75052
PARAISO DOLLAR THRIFT	2125 SW 3RD ST	310		Grand Prairie	TX	75051
FAMILY DOLLAR	610 S CARRIER PKWY			Grand Prairie	TX	75051
ELIA DOLLAR STORE & MORE	211 E MAIN ST			Grand Prairie	TX	75050
FAMILY DOLLAR STORE #5670	726 W PIONEER PKWY	100		Grand Prairie	TX	75051
ESTELLA DOLLAR STORE	688 W PIONEER PKWY	140		Grand Prairie	TX	75051
DOLLAR TREE	2307 W IH 20	100		Grand Prairie	TX	75052
DOLLAR GENERAL	1690 W POLO RD	200		Grand Prairie	TX	75052
FIVE BELOW	5240 S State Hwy 360 #100			Grand Prairie	TX	75052
Family Dollar	2010 S Belt Line Rd			Grand Prairie	TX	75051



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 20-9727 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Short-Term Rentals Discussion
Type: Ordinance **Status:** Agenda Ready - Committee
File created: 1/23/2020 **In control:** City Council Development Committee
On agenda: 3/3/2020 **Final action:**
Title: Short-Term Rentals Discussion
Sponsors:
Indexes:
Code sections:
Attachments:

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From

Chris Hartmann

Title

Short-Term Rentals Discussion

Presenter

David P. Jones, AICP, Chief City Planner

Recommended Action

Approve

Analysis

Body



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 20-9774 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Semi-annual Fire Department update
Type: Agenda Item **Status:** Agenda Ready - Committee
File created: 2/4/2020 **In control:** Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee
On agenda: 3/2/2020 **Final action:**
Title: Semi-Annual Fire Department update

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Code sections:

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From

Robert Fite, Fire Chief

Title

Semi-Annual Fire Department update

Presenter

Robert Fite, Fire Chief

Recommended Action

Information Only

Analysis

The fire department will update this committee twice a year. The current topics will include a brief update on Cancer within the fire service and efforts to mitigate, discuss implementing a reserve fire engine to protect firefighters and police officers on the highway, and demonstrate Lexipol as a living policy process new to the fire department.

Financial Consideration

None, information only.



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	20-9809	Version:	1	Name:	19th Judicial Quarterly Report Nov. Dec. 2019-Jan. 2020
Type:	Agenda Item	Status:		Status:	Agenda Ready - Committee
File created:	2/18/2020	In control:		In control:	Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee
On agenda:	3/2/2020	Final action:		Final action:	
Title:	19th Judicial Quarterly Report				
Sponsors:					
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Attachments:	19TH PSE QUARTERLY REPORT.NOV.DEC.2019-JAN.2020.pdf				

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From
Carolyn Keen

Title
19th Judicial Quarterly Report

Presenter
Judge Bryan Arnold

Recommended Action

Analysis

Financial Consideration

JUDICIAL ACTIVITY REPORT
NOV. DEC. 2019 – JAN. 2020

	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>New Cases Filed</u>				
Ticket Count	4,300	3,467	4,316	12,083
<u>Arraignments</u>				
Misdemeanor	261	240	237	738
Felony	223	223	246	692
Class C	1,436	1,171	1,430	4,037
<u>Trial by Judge</u>				
Actual	0	1	0	1
Scheduled	2	1	0	3
<u>Trial by Jury</u>				
Actual	1	2	0	3
Scheduled	6	7	23	36
<u>Warrants Issued</u>				
*Search	11	15	20	46
*Misdemeanor Arrest	20	14	26	60
*Felony Arrest	55	38	62	155
<u>Juvenile Activity</u>				
Traffic Cases	35	33	49	117
Penal Cases	16	27	19	62
*Alcohol Cases	0	1	1	2
*Theft	1	6	1	8
*Curfew Cases	5	13	10	28
<u>Emergency Protective Order</u>				
	23	19	14	56
<u>DWI Blood Draws</u>				
	28	33	20	81
<u>Lack of Probable Cause</u>				
	3	3	0	6
<u>Animal Hearings</u>				
	1	0	0	1
<u>Property Hearings</u>				
	0	1	1	2

***NUMBERS REFLECT WHAT WAS TURNED IN AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT**



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 20-9784 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Off-Duty Police Officer Traffic Direction at Traders Village

Type: Presentation **Status:** Agenda Ready - Committee

File created: 2/7/2020 **In control:** Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee

On agenda: 3/2/2020 **Final action:**

Title: Off-Duty Police Officer Traffic Direction at Traders Village

Sponsors:

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From
Fred Bates, Jr.

Title
Off-Duty Police Officer Traffic Direction at Traders Village

Presenter
Daniel Scesney, Chief of Police

Recommended Action
Approve

Analysis
Discussion on the Police Department's off-duty officer operations and administrative issues at Traders Village and the Entertainment District.

Financial Consideration
None



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 20-9831 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Axon Purchase - Animal Services
Type: Agenda Item **Status:** Consent Agenda
File created: 2/21/2020 **In control:** Police
On agenda: 3/3/2020 **Final action:**

Title: Interlocal Price Agreement for Body Worn Cameras with Axon, Inc., in the amount of \$15,631 for the current year, and for \$8,544 for each of the four subsequent renewals, totaling \$49,807 if all extensions are executed through a national interlocal agreement with Buyboard; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

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Attachments: [Expenditure Information Form - Animal Services Body Cams](#)

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From

Fred Bates, Jr.

Title

Interlocal Price Agreement for Body Worn Cameras with Axon, Inc., in the amount of \$15,631 for the current year, and for \$8,544 for each of the four subsequent renewals, totaling \$49,807 if all extensions are executed through a national interlocal agreement with Buyboard; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

Presenter

Lily Yap, Animal Services Division Manager, and Ryan Simpson, Support Services Division Manager

Recommended Action

Approve

Analysis

Grand Prairie’s Animal Services Officers must often act quickly and efficiently when faced with potentially dangerous animals. Photographic evidence is the most ideal way to gather and document the needed information that helps to hold negligent animal owners accountable. Usually when an animal attack is in progress, the Animal Services Officer is unable to capture the photographic evidence needed due to the fluidity of the event. Body Worn Cameras would serve as a way to capture and document the needed evidence and to also enhance the safety of our officers engaged in field calls. Additionally, the wearing of Body Worn Cameras would also include the ability to justify any possible need for increased levels of force and quality control for citizen interactions.

Chapter 271.102 of the Local Government Code authorizes local governments to participate in a cooperative purchasing program with another local government or local cooperative organization. In lieu of competitive bidding, items and services may be purchased through such agreements as the agreements have already been bid by the sponsoring entity or agency. The City of Grand Prairie has master interlocal cooperative agreements with various entities to include Buyboard.

Buyboard Contract #568-18 with Axon, Inc. was executed on October 1, 2018 and set to expire September 30, 2021.

The Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee reviewed this item on March 2, 2020 and recommended that it be forwarded to the City Council.

Financial Consideration

Funding for the body worn cameras are available in the FY 2019/2020 General Fund Animal Services budget. Funding for future years will be paid from that year's approved budget.

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURE INFORMATION

FUND:	General Fund
AGENCY:	Animal Services
ACCOUNTING UNIT:	301110
AVAILABLE:	60510, Small Tools & Equipment, \$22,003
STAFF CONTACT:	Lily Yap
VENDOR NAME:	Axon, Inc.
CONTINGENCY:	N/A



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 20-9803 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Ordinance 5-14
Type: Agenda Item **Status:** Consent Agenda
File created: 2/17/2020 **In control:** Animal Services
On agenda: 3/3/2020 **Final action:**
Title: Ordinance amending Chapter Five, "Animal Services," Section 5-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, to adjust adoption policy to reflect industry best practices and discontinue adopter-specific citation process

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From

Lily Yap, Animal Services Manager

Title

Ordinance amending Chapter Five, "Animal Services," Section 5-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, to adjust adoption policy to reflect industry best practices and discontinue adopter-specific citation process

Presenter

Lily Yap, Animal Services Manager

Recommended Action

Approve

Analysis

The adoption fee for an animal from Prairie Paws Adoption Center currently includes the spay/neuter, microchipping, core vaccinations, and rabies vaccination. For animals that are too young for rabies vaccinations at the time of adoption, our current ordinance dictates that an adopter either return for an appointment at Prairie Paws Adoption Center to have the vaccine administered or follow up with their personal veterinarian to administer the rabies vaccination and submit proof to our staff. If neither of these actions are taken, under this version of the ordinance, the responsibility falls on Animal Services to issue a citation with a fine that could amount to over \$100. This ultimately targets our most valuable customers. With the adjustment to the ordinance, the responsibility to ensure that an underaged animal is vaccinated for rabies will fall on the adopter, similar to the process for any other pet owner in Grand Prairie.

To supplement care for our underaged, adopted pets, the ordinance dictates that the Animal Services Manager will be able to implement a uniform policy that provides a service for the adopted pet to receive the rabies vaccination from Prairie Paws Adoption Center when of age. This will be primarily be based on veterinary

availability. This creates an adoption process, including spay/neuter, microchipping, and age appropriate vaccinations, that is in line with industry best practices.

Financial Consideration

None

Body

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER FIVE "ANIMAL SERVICES," SECTION 5-14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, TO ADJUST ADOPTION POLICY TO REFLECT INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES AND DISCONTINUE ADOPTER-SPECIFIC CITATION PROCESS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, state law places the responsibility to ensure dogs and cats have received the rabies vaccination by four (4) months of age on the pet owner;

WHEREAS, the Grand Prairie Animal Shelter wishes to make animals available for adoption which are too young to receive their rabies vaccine;

WHEREAS, the Grand Prairie Animal Shelter customers have expressed a desire to use private veterinarians to administer the vaccination; and

WHEREAS, amending the ordinance in accordance with best practices will assist in the efficiency and success of the Grand Prairie Animal Shelter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Section 5-14 of Chapter 5, "Animal Services", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) *Condition.* The animal services manager shall be authorized to place for adoption dogs or cats impounded by the city under the following conditions:

(1) The animal services manager shall determine whether a dog or cat is healthy enough for adoption; however, such a decision by the animal services manager shall not constitute a warranty of the health or age of any animal.

(2) There will be an adoption fee for all dogs and cats at an amount established by [chapter 5](#) article IV. The animal services manager shall have the authority to waive such fee in cases of special pet adoption promotions.

(3) All dogs and cats shall receive a microchip implant of a type approved by the animal services manager.

(b) *Rabies vaccination.*

(1) *Dogs or cats age four (4) months or older.*

All adopted dogs and cats aged 4 months or older shall be vaccinated for rabies prior to adoption. The animal services manager may determine if it is not medically safe to administer a rabies vaccination at the time of adoption. In these cases, the adopter shall sign a written agreement acknowledging that the animal has not received the rabies vaccination and agreeing to full responsibility for following up with their personal veterinarian to administer the rabies vaccination upon eligibility.

(2) *Dogs or cats age less than four (4) months.*

In the event an adopted dog or cat is under four (4) months of age, the vaccination will not be required until the animal is at least three (3) months of age but no older than four (4) months of age. If an animal is released without a rabies vaccination, the adopting person shall sign a written agreement acknowledging that the animal has not received the rabies vaccination and agreeing to full responsibility for ensuring the animal is administered the rabies vaccination before the animal has reached four (4) months of age. The Animal Services Manager may adopt and amend a policy which provides an opportunity for adopted animals to receive a rabies vaccination at the shelter provided that the policy is uniformly applied.

(3) Other adopted animals shall be required to be vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the state health agency or in accordance with the recommendations of the American Veterinary Medicine Association.

(c) Sterilization.

(1) In the event an adopted dog or cat is not sterilized, the animal services manager shall cause the animal to be sterilized. The services for sterilization shall be administered at the time of adoption unless the animal services manager determines it is not medically safe to sterilize the dog or cat at the time of adoption. Each animal shall be sterilized prior to being released to the adopting person unless:

a. The dog or cat is under two (2) months of age; or

b. The animal services manager determines that the dog or cat should not be sterilized for health reasons or the animal services manager has determined the animal has been previously sterilized; or

c. The adopting person has signed a written agreement that the person will have the animal sterilized by animal services in accordance with the written agreement, which will provide notice of the date and time for the person to return with the adopted animal for sterilization.

(2) The animal services manager may extend the sterilization deadline upon presentation of a written veterinary report, stating that the life or health of the adopted animal may be jeopardized by surgery. There is no limit to the number of extensions that may be granted under this subsection.

(3) A person who signs a sterilization agreement commits an offense if he/she fails to have the animal sterilized on or before the sterilization completion date stated in the agreement.

(4) If the adopted animal dies on or before the sterilization completion date, the adopting person shall deliver to the animal services manager a signed letter stating that the animal is dead. The letter shall be delivered not later than the seventh day after the date of the animal's death, and shall describe the cause of death if known and provide the date of death. A person commits an offense if the animal services manager does not receive the letter before the expiration of the seventh day after the sterilization completion date.

(5) If the adopted animal is lost or stolen before the sterilization completion date, the adopting person shall

deliver to the animal services manager a signed letter stating that the animal is lost or stolen. The letter shall be delivered not later than the seventh day after the date of the animal's disappearance, and shall describe the circumstances surrounding the disappearance and the approximate date of disappearance. In such case there shall be no refund of the adoption fee. A person commits an offense if the animal services manager does not receive the letter before the expiration of the seventh day after the sterilization completion date.

(6) The animal services manager shall be authorized to reclaim any adopted animal after the expiration of the seventh day after the sterilization completion date, if the animal services manager has not received proof that the person is in compliance with the sterilization agreement. In such case there shall be no refund of the adoption fee, and ownership of the animal shall revert to the city.

Section 2. Savings Clause.

That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

Section 3. Severability Clause

If any article, section, sub-section, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid for any reason whatsoever, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect and to this end the provision of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 4. Cumulative Clause.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances not consistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Provided that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this Ordinance shall be cumulative of other Ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered in this Ordinance.

Section 5

That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
ON THIS THE 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**