

**PUBLIC SAFETY & MUNICIPAL COURT COUNCIL COMMITTEE**  
**July 24, 2024**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

Council present:

Victoria Johnson, Chair

Larry Scott

Council Absent:

Alexa Boedeker

Staff present via video conference

Tommy Ludwig, City Manager  
Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager  
Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager  
Amanda Campos, City Secretary  
Monica Solko, Deputy City Secretary  
Billy Cordell, Police Chief

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Time: 9:00 am.**

Victoria Johnson called the meeting to order. **Time: 9:26 a.m.**

**2. CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

- None.

**3. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Consider approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2024 Public Safety & Municipal Court Committee meeting. (Staff Contact: Amanda Campos, City Secretary)**

Motion made by Larry Scott and seconded by Victoria Johnson to approve.

Motion passed 2-0.

**B. Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) for the Burleson Police Department. (Staff Presenter: Billy J. Cordell, Chief of Police)**

Billy Cordell, Police of Police, presented the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) to the committee.

Discussion included:

- Advantages of a RTCC
- Fort Worth Police Department RTCC operates 24/7
  - BPD has access

- Flock automatic License plate reader
  - Burleson Flock ALPR's
  - Flock Technical Components – annual subscription
- PTZ Cameras
- PTZ Cameras Technical Components including costs
- Vision of Burleson RTCC including staffing
- Community Partnerships
  - Business/residential
  - School districts
  - Task forces
    - STOP
    - Other agencies
  - Other cameras
    - Plaza cameras
    - Critical infrastructure
    - Parks
  - Success stories
    - Multi-state wide gift card theft/fraud case

After a brief discussion and questions, the committee was happy with the presentation.

**C. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff feedback regarding calls for service that involve solicitation in the City of Burleson. (Staff Presenter: Billy J. Cordell, Chief of Police)**

Billy J. Cordell, Chief of Police, presented calls for service that involve solicitation in the City of Burleson to the committee.

Discussion included:

- Types of Solicitation
  - Panhandlers in right of way
  - Fundraising
  - Sales of goods/animals
  - Door-to-door solicitor (permit).
- Panhandling
  - Top three intersections:
    - Alsbury/35W (45 reported incidents)
    - John Jones/Wilshire (12 reported incidents)
    - Bethesda/35W (5 reported incidents)
  - Resolution: nearly half of the incidents were resolved with a verbal warning from the officer and the individual agreeing to stop the action or leave the area.

- Solicitation Permits:
  - Issued by the Police Department
    - Burleson records check for local arrests
    - Check for outstanding warrants
    - Background check through DPS
    - Permit is valid for one year from date of issuance
  - Do not issue permit when:
    - Convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or any sex offense, narcotic trafficking, or any violent acts against person or property in the previous five years from date of application.
  
- Burleson costs for issue permits:
  - \$75 for the first five permits from the same company
  - \$10 for each additional, from the same company
  - Issued after they pass the checks and permit is issued
  - Permits Issued:
    - 2022=23
    - 2023=129; and
    - 2024=77 (as of July 15<sup>th</sup>)
  
- Benchmarking Solicitor Permits:
  - Benbrook, Haltom City, Mansfield, North Richland Hills - \$100 per application, non-refundable
  - Cleburne - \$50 for first permit and \$10 for subsequent permits from the same company
  - Grand Prairie - \$50 per application, non-refundable
  - Hurst - \$50 per application, non-refundable
  - Richland Hills - \$50 for first permit, \$25 for subsequent applications from the same company.

The committee was in favor of raising the cost of solicitor permits.

#### **4. BOARD REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REPORTS**

- None.

#### **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Committee may convene in Executive Session in the City Council Workroom at City Hall to conduct a closed meeting to discuss any item listed on this agenda.

- **Pending or Contemplated Litigation or to Seek the Advice of the City Attorney Pursuant to Section 551.071**

No executive session needed.

## **6. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Victoria Johnson adjourned the meeting.

**Time: 11:12 a.m.**

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Monica Solko  
Deputy City Secretary