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City of Dallas budget to be OK'd

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DALLAS — The Dallas City Council is slated to adopt its 2016-17 budget at its meeting Monday evening.

The proposed budget is \$37 million, with \$10.9 million in the general fund. The Dallas Budget Committee approved the budget on May 16, and on June 6 the council approved having a resolution for final adoption prepared for Monday.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

Several new or expanded positions are in the 2016-17 budget in the police, fire and public works departments.

Dallas City Manager Ron Foggin said those include a full-time police officer, moving the code services officer from part-time to full-time and adding a new part-time community outreach and evidence clerk.

He said adding community outreach will fill a role that has been lacking in the police department.

"One of the things that we have not had for a long time is the ability to help people put together things like Neighborhood Watch," he said, referring to the program where citizens form groups to monitor their neighborhoods.

"What we know is community policing really relies on the eyes and ears of our citizens. The more eyes and ears we have that are paying attention, the easier it is to stop crime."

In the fire department, two seasonal firefighters and emergency medical technicians will temporarily alleviate staffing shortages and lengthy response times for fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The firefighters will be used during peak day-time call hours, working 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., said Dallas Fire Chief Fred Hertel.

"They are going to be dual-responder capability," Hertel said. "They will either be on a fire engine or a medic (unit), either one, wherever the greatest need is."

Public works will add a full-time employee to help with a number of upcoming projects.

Foggin said the city is developing a number of projects and has budgeted for equipment and vehicle upgrades paid for with city funding or grants.

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Mourning with Orlando



Steve Moser helps light a candle at a vigil held at Monmouth Main Street Park on Sunday to remember and mourn the 49 victims who were shot and killed by Omar Mateen, 29, at a gay nightclub, Pulse, in Orlando, Fla., Sunday morning. Orlando SWAT officers killed Mateen during the incident. Mateen killed 49 people and injured another 53, according to reports Monday evening. The shooting is the largest in modern history.

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Practice for the 'Big One'

Grand Ronde part of four-day, multi-state exercise 'Cascadia Rising'

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GRAND RONDE — If Thursday's Cascadia subduction zone earthquake disaster scenario drill had been real, there may have been some creative surgery going on in Grand Ronde.

Reading off the symptoms on a card attached to volunteer victim Pam Milliren, Dr. Marion Hull decided the 23-year-old female victim Milliren was portraying would need a hole in her head.

Not joking.

The victim had debris fall on her head causing a serious wound that would have induced swelling that would put pressure on her brain.

"I would try to figure out which side of the head you were hit on and drill a hole," Hull said. "It doesn't have to be a big hole and I would use a clean drill."

Hull was considering the ability to evacuate patients may be limited and doctors would have to find ways to keep people alive in the field longer.

"The bottom line is life saving," said Hull, a doctor with the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center.

Near the end of the exercise, Hull spoke with an evaluator about what would have been needed if the disaster had been real. She listed medications, specific medical equipment and blankets.

That is kind of lesson Jamie Baxter, Grand Ronde's emergency manager, wanted to learn through the exercise, part of last week's four-day, three-state "Cascadia Rising" drill.

"It did exactly what I wanted it to. It raised more questions than answers," Baxter said. "That was an objective, to get that feedback."

Each participant — first responder, volunteer emergency responder or volunteer victim — was asked to fill out paperwork about their experience, including what could have been done better.

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Emergency workers practice life saving skills during Cascadia Rising, a simulated drill on reacting to an earthquake. The drill took place in Grand Ronde on Thursday.

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Monmouth residents arrested in reported burglary

Itemizer-Observer staff report

SHEDD — Three Monmouth residents were arrested near Shedd Monday morning.

Linn County sheriff deputies responded to a reported burglary in progress at 2:39 a.m. at a residence on Bell Drive in Shedd. The homeowner heard his dogs barking and believed someone was on his property. He drove down his driveway and located a pair of bolt cutters, a baseball bat and two vehicles parked in a field.

As deputies responded, the caller reported one of the vehicles, a red Honda Civic, left and headed east toward Highway 99E.

Deputies located and attempted to stop the vehicle, which accelerated to speeds of more than 100 mph. The deputy pursued the vehicle through Tangent, when the car turned onto North Lake Creek Drive and stopped.

The driver was identified as Thomas Peterson, 19, and the passengers as Mohamed Eltebany, 19, and Todd Folkerts, 21, all of Monmouth.

An investigation revealed that the three drove from Monmouth to Shedd in two separate vehicles to steal a marijuana grow from the location. They were in possession of large garbage bags, two-way radios and cutting instruments.

Peterson was charged with second-degree conspiracy to commit burglary, attempt to elude — felony, second-degree trespass, reckless driving and two counts of recklessly endangering. Eltebany and Folkerts were charged with second-degree conspiracy to commit burglary and second-degree trespass.

THE NEXT 7 DAYS PLANNING FOR YOUR WEEK

wed

Reptile Man will visit Riverview Park as part of the Independence Public Library summer programming. 3 p.m. Free.

Showers
Hi: 64
Lo: 45

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The third Thursday, the Independence Elks Lodge hosts free dinner for all veterans, and bunko for families. 6:30 p.m. Free.

Showers
Hi: 64
Lo: 46

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The Dallas Public Library will host a cosplay gaming night, including internet gaming and Magic the Gathering. 5:30 p.m. Free.

Showers
Hi: 66
Lo: 46

sat

Faith Evangelical Church hosts a community party featuring bluegrass band, EOScene, and free pie. 6-9 p.m. Free.

Partly cloudy
Hi: 72
Lo: 49

sun

Happy Fathers Day! Enjoy a breakfast at the Dallas Fire Department to treat Dad on his special day. 7-11 a.m. \$5.

Sunny
Hi: 77
Lo: 50

mon

It's never too late to learn an instrument with the Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra. 6:30 p.m. \$25 monthly fee.

Sunny
Hi: 80
Lo: 53

tue

The Dallas Lions Club will host a fundraiser at Ugo's Pizza to help pay for community service projects. 4-8 p.m.

Sunny
Hi: 84
Lo: 54