Dallas City Manager C.T. Broadus (left) listened to Mayor Eric Johnson during a City Council briefing on Monday. The meeting was in response to a staffing study that said the police department is not using its resources effectively.

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Dallas Police Chief U. Reneé Hall showed up to work Monday for the first time in more than a month. A video posted by the department on Twitter showed the chief getting out of her SUV and declaring herself excited to be back after taking time off for medical reasons.

"Now it's time for me to get in here and do the work, because we have a lot of work to do," Hall says in the video.

Her first appointment was at Dallas City Hall on Monday to address a recommended overhaul of her department, which could bring about some of the biggest changes it has seen in the last 10 years. The meeting was in response to a staffing study that said the police department is not using its resources effectively, laying blame at the chief's response, she said she knew there were issues with patrol deployment, but said it was still "hard to hear.

Hall said that the results of the study weren't reflective of "deficiencies in the command staff, but acknowledged that the department has failed to adapt to new procedures or technology over the years.

Hall said the study "allows us to push the button. Right now it feels as though we are poring through a broken funnel."
The University of North Texas at Dallas celebrated the opening of its $63 million student center on Monday. The center houses a library, fitness center, and advising, tutoring and financial aid offices.

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“Now, we’re involved in the conversation in this city, we’re at the table,” Mong said. “It sounds like a lofty idea. It’s extremely important for folks in southern Dallas to see that kind of institution in our backyard,” Rossmiller said. “It allows us to dream big.”

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