

Public Safety Committee
Thursday, March 23, 2023
REMOTE ONLY
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Councilor Magee (chair), President Paul

Staff Present: Chief Michael LaChance, AC Jon Murad (Acting Chief of Police), Assistant City Attorney Jared Pellerin

Public Present: None.

Meeting called to order at 5:11 p.m. by Councilor Magee

1. Adopt the Agenda

1.01 Motion to adopt/amend agenda

Motion to amend agenda to move Agenda Item 2.01 to Agenda Item 5.01.

Motion by Councilor Magee, Seconded by President Paul

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous/ President Paul, Councilor Magee

2. Adopt Minutes from March 2, 2023

2.01 Adopt Draft Minutes from March 2, 2023 and January 18, 2023

Agenda Item 2.01 moved to Agenda Item 5.01.

3. Public Forum

3.01 Public Forum

No members of the public present.

4. Committee Discussion

4.01 Report on CNA Recommendations (Discussion and Vote)

Councilor Magee noted that a draft of the Report has been posted to BoardDocs with the matrix timeline. He further noted that he had made some changes to the last draft from November 2022 that was reviewed by President Paul and Councilor Hightower along with Attorney Pellerin. Councilor Magee added that there was some grammatical clean up and there were additions made to update where the Commission and Department are with the recommendations that have been taken on thus far since year end.

President Paul suggest that it might be helpful tor review the changes by going page-by-page as she also had a draft with new edits and additions.

President Paul and Councilor Magee discussed final edits to draft report.

The committee members discussed whether it would be best to accept all the changes after they reviewed the entire report or if a copy of the changes should be kept.

Attorney Pellerin opined that once there is a finalized version, it trumps any draft in terms of deliberation between the Committee. Attorney Pellerin noted that he would keep a copy if the committee wanted to have a record of things discussed beyond what's going to be captured in the minutes.

President Paul noted that there was no updated date on the report and Councilor Magee said he would change the report to today's date of March 23, 2023.

Given that only one additional edit remained and there was agreement that Councilor Magee and Attorney Pellerin would confer and make that last edit, Attorney Pellerin asked if the committee would want to make a motion to move this finalized version to the larger council at this time.

The committee discussed moving the report and the matrix together and agreed to move them together. They both felt that the matrix is not easy to read but did not know if there was a way to simplify it for public posting online that will make this easier to read.

President Paul noted that the point of the matrix is to show the council that there is this accompanying tool. She said it will be up to the next Public Safety Committee to figure out how they want to work on this. Maybe this is something that needs to be visited every meeting, just to get an update on where things are.

The committee discussed the first few sections of the matrix. Councilor Magee mentioned that he made edits to a number of the recommendations that are ongoing are in progress, especially DD1, DD3, and DD43, so he moved those from highest priority to in progress.

President Paul and Councilor Magee discuss more edits to the Excel CNA matrix.

President Paul mentioned there is one typo where the matrix lists highest priority items. This is about use of force incidents. She noted that the first line on cell E33 that says "Need a policy to note our use of force"—I think it means "all use of force". That typo needed to be corrected in the report as well.

President Paul said she was amenable to voting these documents out of committee to the full Council. Councilor Magee agreed, noting this is a working document, so it'll continue to change. But for the purposes of accompanying the report on Monday, he agreed to vote this out of committee.

Motion to move the documents as finalized by Councilor Magee to the full council on behalf of the Public Safety Committee to accept the communication, place the report on file, and accept the recommendations.

Motion by President Paul, Seconded by Councilor Magee.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous/ President Paul, Councilor Magee

5. Any Other Committee Business

5.01 Adopt Draft Minutes from March 2, 2023 and January 18, 2023

Motion to amend the minutes from March 2 to reflect a clarification from Commissioner Seguino to amend her remark regarding data and sample sizes, that one year of data is not always sufficient to make inferences and in the case of looking at racial disparities, we should be focusing on 3-5 year ranges. Attorney Pellerin to amend minutes to reflect the full amended text.

Motion by Councilor Magee, Seconded by President Paul.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous/ President Paul, Councilor Magee

Motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2023.

Motion by Councilor Magee, Seconded by President Paul.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous/ President Paul, Councilor Magee

As chair of the Committee, Councilor Magee noted that there was some extra time and he would open the floor to any other issues. This is going to be the last meeting of this Public Safety Committee. Seeing that there wasn't any other business that would warrant another meeting before April 4, Councilor Magee looked to close the meeting.

6. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Magee, Seconded by President Paul

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.