



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

12/12/2017

Public Safety Committee

December 12, 2017

Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Adam Roof (AR) (Chair); David Hartnett (DH); Sara Moore (Sara M)

Others Present: Richard Haesler (RH), City Attorney's Office (Committee Staff); Chief Steven Locke (SL), BFD; Judy Dunn (JD), BPD; Jan Wright (JW), BPD; Alex Veronneau (AV), BPD; Mike Beliveau (MB), BPD; Kathryn Clark (KC), BPD; Drew Clark (DC), BPD; Kyle Yeh (KY), BPD; Cassandra Stirling (CS), BPD; Christy Lorrain (CL), BPD; Stephen Marshall (SM)

At 6:05 a.m. Chair Roof commenced the meeting.

1. **Agenda:** Motion by SM to amend – reversing 4.01 and 4.01;

Second by DH – passes 3-0 – agenda as amended passes 2-0

1. **Approval of minutes of 11/9/17:**

Motion by SM; second by DH – passes 3-0

1. **Public Forum:**

None



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1. **Committee Discussion – Consideration of Agreement to Create a Union Municipal District re Regional Dispatch**

Chief Locke speaks to the proposed plan and timeline; the lead up to this evening;

Sara M: Have concerns been raised

Chief: Yes. Dispatchers are worried about how this will play out – and while we don't have specifics now, the impacts will be known and defined before City Council votes to accept a cost sharing model

AR: Nevertheless, we want to hear the concerns tonight.

KC: Dispatchers want to know the impacts prior to the public vote – will be hard to turn back even if there are problems after that.

Sara M: I would think that the public would want to know the impacts prior to voting.

AR: Are there models?

Chief: Some work. Some don't. Indicators seem to show that the ones that work utilize good input from existing dispatchers.

DH: The unknown is scary. But this is the trend. Our job is to do it the right way.

DISCUSSION

DH: Why do they have to reapply?

Chief: Because we cannot specify/bind future Board of Directors.



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AR: Three issues

1. Reapplication
2. How are dispatchers being consulted?
3. Projected benefits package– changes if any

Sara M: Why does Burlington only get one seat on the Board?

Chief: Offset by proportional voting on the budget

Sara M: Why now?

Chief: Because we are at a point where no further progress can occur until this goes to the voters in the various communities.

AR: Process is occurring in bite size pieces

KC: Another issue: Union coverage will be lost until new union coverage commences – worried about the lapse.

DH: Wants a more concrete understanding as to how dispatchers will be at the table.

Chief: Burlington want dispatchers on committee but there is not a consensus with other communities and until the composition of communities is established everything is in a holding pattern.

Stephen Marshall: How do I get the same service? The dispatchers here know this community – what will happen when I call and get a dispatcher from another town?

KC: Possible differences in quality re service by local knowledge

AR: This goes to why it is important to have dispatchers included in the process





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DH: Motion per the attached memo recommendation.

AR: Second

Motion passes with Sara Moore voting no and requesting that the item go on the deliberative agenda.

1. **Committee Discussion - Community Safety Issues re Homelessness – Discussion with Invited Stakeholders**

AR: Will proceed through the seven recommendations memo in the packet

DISCUSSION

Each of the recommendation is in turn discussed and approved unanimously.

There is an amended to recommendation # 3 so that the last sentence of that provision now reads: "This recommendation calls for the public review and adoption of any final policy by the City Council."

There is an amendment to recommendation # 4 so that the last sentence of that provision now reads: "This recommendation calls for investigation of the viability of low hurdle employment opportunities and community activities. Led by CEDO, discussions of these opportunities should include, but not be limited to, partnerships with the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Library, as well as interested community individual and entities."

There is also an eighth recommendation provided which reads in its entirety: "That the Administration put forward a budget with increased funding for Street Outreach and Housing Retention and that the Administration explore and support legislative changes for expanded Medicaid coverage for social work positions relating to homelessness and low-income housing."



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1. **Other Business**

None

1. **Adjournment**

Sara M: Move to adjourn

DH seconds. Passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.