



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

12/6/2016

Public Safety Committee

December 6, 2016

Draft Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Sara Giannoni (SG) (chair); David Hartnett (DH); Selene Coburn (SC) (arrived at 5:32 p.m.)

Additional City Staff: Fire Chief Steven A. Locke (SL); Deputy Fire Chief Aaron Collette (AC); Richard Haesler (RH), City Attorney's Office

At 5:07 p.m. Chair Giannoni commenced the meeting.

1. **Agenda:** motion to adopt by DH, second by SG – passes 2 to 0.
1. **Approval of minutes of 12/6/16:** Motion to Adopt by DH; Second by SG – passes 2 to 0.
1. **Public Forum:** None
1. **Committee Discussion – Review: B.F.D. 2016-2021 Strategic Plan:**

Chief Locke presents:

Internally we sought to establish the five core values of the department and arrived at Professionalism; Respect; Integrity; Dedication & Excellence – PRIDE

AC speaks to process



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SG: External Stakeholders? How were they chosen?

SL: We put out the word for volunteers which came up short and then we went and solicited from a variety of community stakeholders incl. city departments.

(SC arrives)

SG: Diversity?

SL: We see it as a great need. With Reorg coming in the spring, it will become a top priority; Diversity issue prompted internally as an issue for our plan

SG: North Avenue PILOT? City promotion of Walk/Bike/etc. – traffic calming... where does the department come down on these things. There have been occasions of department opposition.

SL: We need to review. We need to assure safety. First priority, Traffic Light Pre-emption

SC: Sorry I was late. Glad to hear the diversity discussion is happening. What is the department protocol re narkan

SL: All units are equipped. This is not new. It has been long standing policy. Just not in the news as it was seldom delivered before the crisis.

DH: Ambulance service? Concern about lack of coverage in the New North End.

SL: For now UVM essentially serves as the third ambulance in the City – they picked up 126 calls last year.

DH: When is the City going to get a third?





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SL: within the next three years. Data driven decisions going forward.

SG: I have questions concerning the issue of over response.

AC: We use a two tiered response – remember we have no EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch here – this means we cannot afford under-response. That said we are trying to establish protocols – such as “single station smoke detector” call – we are looking at critical tasking

SC: What kinds of impacts on Fire has the heroin epidemic had besides incidence of narcan use.

SL: Basically raises mental health numbers as well as increase in call volume

SC: Overdose reversals – do you track location? Or inventory public versus private space

SL: No. We have not deployed heat map usage yet.

DH: Kudos for introducing Health and Wellness program into the department.

SG: Can you walk us thru some of the concern areas raised in the internal stakeholders discussion – Immigration; Hostile Groups; threat for language barriers;

SL: You have to understand context – this comes from a place of concern via difficulties in having resources to do the job well; translator services; terrorist training; e.g. they worked through their concerns on the issue of diversity – trying to reconcile the old fashioned hire the person who tests highest when perhaps a more flexible standard might serve us all better in the long run.

DH: Motion to recommend that the City Council approve the Strategic Plan

SC: Second



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Motion passes unanimously

1. **Other Business**

SG: we will be trying to set next meeting for the first week of January.

SC: Thanks to the fire department for coming out to the NPAs.

SG: Do I have a Motion to Adjourn?

1. **Adjournment**

DH Motion. SC seconds. Passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.