



City Council Public Safety Committee *Remote ONLY*** -
Thursday, December 1st, 2022 at 5:00 PM
12/1/2022**

Public Safety Committee

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Virtual Meeting, Burlington, Vermont

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Councilor Magee, Councilor Paul

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

Others Present: Celia Bird, Jennifer Tomczak, Stephanie Seguino,

Meeting called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Councilor Magee

1. Agenda

1.01 Motion to adopt/amend agenda

Motion to reverse the order and adopt the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Paul, Seconded by Councilor Magee

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Minutes

2.01 Approval of Minutes

Motion to adopt minutes from 11/2/22 meeting.

Motion by Councilor Magee, Seconded by Councilor Paul

Final Resolution: Motion Passes



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Yes: Unanimous

3. Public Forum

3.01 Public Forum

No comment from public.

4. Committee Discussion/Possible Action

4.01 Public Safety Radio System Upgrade

The Committee did not have anyone to speak to the agenda item, but read through the memo and agreed to pass it out of committee, with their support, to the Board of Finance and City Council.

Motion to refer the agenda item to Board of Finance and City Council.

Motion by Councilor Magee, Seconded by Councilor Paul

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

4.02 Resolution – Addressing Violence in our Community

Councilor Magee: In light of the recent gun violence in the Burlington area, and demonstrated in Colorado and Virginia, this resolution presented by the Board of Health is intended to address the problem at a local level rather than wait for State legislation. The work for this resolution was conducted in conjunction with the Board of Health.

Celia Bird: Noted the point of possibly creating an office to manage and looked at other comparable cities to determine what kind of process would work best for Burlington's size and scope. The Board of Health is happy to conduct the research and get back to the City on their findings.

Councilor Magee: The goal of the resolution is to set the high-level goals, so some of these details can be included





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in the request to the Board of Health to draw assistance in combing through the particulars.

Councilor Paul: Despite the expected broad support from the Council, emphasized the importance of supporting documents to help convey the message and overall goal of the resolution. Additionally raised awareness of the typical City Council timeline for turning in materials for posting on BoardDocs to ensure the Board would have enough time to act.

Motion to refer the resolution back to the full Council with the intent to amend and possible vote.

Motion by Councilor Magee, Seconded by Councilor Paul

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

4.03 Draft Report on CNA Recommendations

Councilor Magee: No need to discuss all of the recommendations in depth again because there was so much work done previously by this committee, but background of the whole process would be helpful.

Councilor Paul: The timelines from the original report are on longer valid due to the amount of time that has gone by since the conclusion of the CNA report. Would feel better if there were more eyes on the CNA report's data and hopes that the report could garner some feedback/criticism from other members who were not a part of the original discussions.

Attorney Pellerin: On Councilor Paul's point on feedback, confirmed when he sent the final report to the working group he did not receive any kind of feedback from anyone.

Stephanie S: Confirmed the Police Commission will work in unison with BPD to look through the report and look towards implementing the recommendations put forth.

Councilor Magee: Wants to run through the CNA recommendation report line-by-line to determine what's been discussed previously. Encouraged the Police Commission and BPD to assess the timelines that have already passed to see what's been accomplished, and determine new target dates for some of the provisions in the report.

The group dissected the CNA recommendations matrix to re-visit target timelines and suggest new ones.

On 9.3.1 – Chief Murad suggested the role does not have enough work for a full-time position so the varying level of work



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changes based on needs for the communities the position serves. Stephanie S suggested placing an evaluation mechanism on the role as well to ensure the hired individual is doing their job effectively. AC Murad agreed evaluation mechanisms will be important for all positions, so using resources to come up with one uniform evaluation methodology would be beneficial.

On 5.2.3 – On-going monitoring of police traffic stop data is currently in place. The data will be liked at more closely once an analyst is hired at BPD, the annual report preparation offers a good time to review the collected data for disparities.

Councilor Magee: Instead of running through the whole matrix at this meeting, asked the committee to review the CNA recommendation matrix before the New Year as the next meeting won't be scheduled until after then, so when they return productive conversations may be had on recs and timelines.

Stephanie S: Will work with Chief Murad to run through the matrix to determine what requires the most attention to ensure a more fruitful conversation when the Public Safety Committee returns early next year.

4.04 Discussion of Future Business

CNA matrix review will take priority going forward while leaving open the option for other important issues that may come through the door.

1. Any Other Business

N/A.

1. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm