



City Council Public Safety Committee *In-Person and Remote***
- Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm
11/23/2021**

Public Safety Committee

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Sharon Bushor Conference Room, City Hall, Burlington, Vermont

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Councilor Paul (Chair/Virtual), Councilor Hightower (Virtual), Councilor Stromberg (Virtual)

Staff Present: Jared Pellerin (Assistant City Attorney)

Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m.

1. Agenda

1.01 Motion to adopt/amend agenda

Motion to adopt agenda as written.

Motion by Councilor Stromberg, Seconded by Councilor Hightower.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous/Councilor Paul, Councilor Hightower, Councilor Stromberg

No:

1. Public Forum

2.01 Public Forum

No one from the public opted to speak during the public forum. The forum was opened at 5:10pm and closed at 5:12pm, seeing no one who wished to be recognized.



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1. Minutes

3.01 Approval of Minutes of 9/30/21

Motion to adopt and approve the draft minutes from the October 5th, 2021 meeting of the Public Safety Committee by Councilor Stromberg, Seconded by Councilor Hightower.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous/Councilor Stromberg, Councilor Paul, Councilor Hightower

1. Committee Discussion/Possible Action

4.01 Discussion on CNA Report and Next Steps

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Paul opened the discussion speaking to the fact that the Committee had been charged with reviewing the CNA report and working to implement the recommendations provided within the findings. The Committee discussed how to best organize themselves and outside stakeholders, in order to best accomplish this charge.

Councilor Hightower recommended a possible joint task force that would include the Police Commission, representatives from the Church Street Market Place, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, and a mutual benefit group, such as Food not Bombs. There was discussion around the need for a cross-section of perspectives, to ensure representation.

Councilor Stromberg proposed the idea of breaking the report into categories and encouraging the public to give feedback.

Councilor Paul recognized that the Committee was charged under the resolution passed by the City Council to work in conjunction with the Administration. The Committee members discussed what this meant and they wanted to ensure that their discussions around the CNA report were substantive in nature and did not divulge into political conversations.

The Committee decided it was best to try and work in a linear manner and would first try to tackle sections 1 through 4 of the report. There was a consensus that they would meet during the month of January and it was decided that Tuesday evenings would be best for the Committee. January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 5:15pm are the target dates for the Committee to meet, along with others to discuss and tackle the CNA recommendations.



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Councilor Hightower made mention that she would seek to hold a joint committee meeting of the Public Safety Committee and the Police Commission on December 7th to also discuss this plan to tackle the CNA report and recommendations.

1. Any Other Business

The Committee decided to schedule their next meeting for December 15, 2021 at 5:15pm.

1. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Paul, Seconded by Councilor Stromberg.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous/Councilor Stromberg. Councilor Hightower

No:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m

