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Members Present

Zoraya Hightower, Perri Freeman, Melo Grant, Shireen Hart, Stephanie Sequino, Kerin Durfee.

Franklin Paulino joined at 5:54pm

Others Present

Shannon Trammell, Committee Clerk

Jon Murad, Acting Chief of Police

Kyle Dodson, Director of Police Transformation

Counsel Present

Joy Hovestadt

1. Agenda

1.01 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:44pm.

1.02 Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Quorum met

1.03 Additions or Modifications to Agenda



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Motion made by Kerin Durfee, Seconded by Shireen Hart, to add to the agenda an update on the RFP Proposal references. Amended item to be added at 1.04.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Zoraya Hightower, Perri Freeman, Melo Grant, Shireen Hart, Stephanie Seguino, Kerin Durfee

1.04 Amended Item: Update on references from RFP proposal selection.

Kerin Durfee provided update that she had reached out to two of the references and was waiting to hear back from them. The committee asked if she would contact all the references listed and report back on the ones that respond.

2. Public Forum

2.01 The Public is invited to speak regarding issues of interest for the Committee's consideration

No one from the public requested to speak.

3. Committee Actions

3.01 Assessment of BPD RFP Review

Perri Freeman raised concern in Section 4, second paragraph under "what", with the term "public safety call volume." She expressed interest in changing that to "Burlington Police Department call volume."

Kerin Durfee expressed looking at scheduling, would like to see how many officers are actually needed for the City. Data logistics. Scheduling, personnel, routes, more about logistics and "labor cost control" Also interested in administrative labor side. Officer training and types of training.

Franklin Paulino agreed with some points Kerin stated, how many positions and taking a look at community needs.

Breakdown of positions, not just the number of officers. Routes, the way police patrol - is it being done the best possible. Different neighborhoods and areas that are patrolled and if the different wards need different coverage based on call type and volume.

Perri Freeman disagrees with mentioning staffing levels, feels it leads the consultant to come to the predetermination that the City is understaffed. Stated that unless poverty and other systemic issues are addressed, of course the need for more police will be higher.

Melo Grant expressed concern about mentioning specific tasks being requested to be done in a specific order. Call volume should be looked at first and determined if other organizations can handle calls before the consultant looks at how many officers are needed on the road, if certain calls are diverted elsewhere.

Stephanie Seguino stated that she thinks the RFP is fine the way it is, other than a few minor language changes. She stated she felt a lot of the issues that have been raised in the meeting; structural problems and poverty, etc will take years to solve. Which requires a plan that is much broader than the focus of this RFP.



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The BPD Assessment Consultant should take the Community Facilitators' input into account.

Motion made by Franklin Paulino, seconded by Stephanie Seguino, incorporate the changes discussed at Oct. 26, 2020 Joint Committee meeting to the draft RFP to make the document final.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Aye: Stephanie Seguino, Franklin Paulino, Kerin Durfee

No: Melo Grant, Perri Freeman, Shireen Hart, Zoraya Hightower

Motion made by Perri Freeman, seconded by Shireen Hart to table the discussion on the RFP until the next meeting and allow Chair Hightower and Commissioner Hart adopt the changes discussed at the Oct. 26, 2020 Joint Committee meeting and bring the updated draft back to the Joint Committee for further consideration at the next meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Stephanie Seguino, Franklin Paulino, Kerin Durfee, Melo Grant, Perri Freeman, Shireen Hart, Zoraya Hightower

3.02 Discussion on next steps on Equitable Sharing

Chief Murad shared a few examples of Equitable Sharing disbursement.

Shireen Hart requested the Chief share information on what the Equitable Sharing Funds BPD's received has been spent on.

Chair Hightower requested the Committee come to a decision on the goal for this discussion for the next meeting. Does the Committee need more information on the topic?

Melo Grant expressed concern if the pool of money from equitable sharing program contains funds from cases or instances that weren't of conviction?

Chief Murad clarified that there are no pooled funds from cases. Money isn't distributed to BPD until the case reaches resolution (whether that is a plea bargain or jury conviction), at that time assets are sold and distributed as the Federal Government determines. Victims receive their money first, before anything is distributed to other agencies.

Shireen Hart to help Chief Murad draft a memo to get statement on how the Federal Equitable Sharing Program operates as it pertains to holding, selling and distributing assets from the States Attorney's Office. Include in memo question on



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what happens if appeal overturns conviction but the persons assets were already distributed.

Attorney Joy Hovestadt provided reference for clarity on seizure of property, the State's Statue on Forfeiture, does lay out when property can be seized and the procedure for that. Joy to email the link to the Statue to the Committee members.

The committee can make an information request to the U.S. Attorney's Office to see if they can obtain an "inventory list of what assets have been seized."

4. Other Business

4.01 Next Meeting Agenda Items

Next meeting set for November 5th @ 5:30pm

- Approve Assessment of BPD RFP
- References from Community Facilitator RFP Proposal selection / Motion to draft Resolution to City Council
- Equitable Sharing - Further Info.

5. Adjournment

5.01 Motion to Adjourn

A motion made by Shireen Hart, seconded by Perri Freeman to adjourn the meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Franklin Paulino, Zoraya Hightower, Perri Freeman, Shireen Hart, Stephanie Seguino, Melo Grant, Kerin Durfee

Meeting is adjourned at 8:01pm