



City Council Public Safety Committee *Remote ONLY*** -
Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM
8/23/2022**

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Virtual Meeting, Burlington, Vermont

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Councilor Paul, Councilor Magee, Councilor House

Staff Present: Jared Pellerin (Assistant City Attorney), Derek Libby (Acting Fire Chief),

Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Councilor Magee

1. Agenda

1.01 Motion to adopt/amend agenda

Motion to adopt agenda as written.

Motion by Councilor Paul, Seconded by Councilor House

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous/ Councilor Paul, Councilor Magee, Councilor House

No:

2. Minutes

2.01 Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting of the Public Safety Committee with the amendment to indicate that Chief Murad was not present.



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Motion by Councilor Magee, Second by Councilor Paul

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3. Public Forum

2.01 Public Forum

Public forum was opened at 5:08 pm by Councilor Magee.

No one appeared to address the Committee during Public Forum. Councilor Magee mentioned that if anyone wishes to speak in the future, to please raise their hand so they could be recognized.

Public forum was closed at 5:11pm

4. Committee Discussion/Possible Action

4.01 Police Commission Update

Police Commissioner Stephanie Seguino was unable to attend the meeting due to travel delays. Committee decided to forgo the update and will ask the Commission to come back at a later date.

4.02 Update from Acting Chief Libby regarding Fire Department CFS

Acting Chief Libby discussed with the Committee the current state of affairs at the Burlington Fire Department. He highlighted the increased call volume that the Department was experiencing. He indicated that they were about 1,008 calls ahead of where they were last year at this time. He estimated that the Department was on track to see 9,500 calls within this calendar year, compared to 8,321 last year.



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The Committee discussed with the Chief the intersection between Police Dispatch and the Fire Department and that because there are less police officers to respond to calls, Fire has been looked to, to triage certain calls that would usually be handled by the police.

President Paul expressed her concern for firefighter burnout and wants to make sure that the City is doing what it can to prevent it.

The Chief spoke to attrition issues within the Department and highlighted the efforts being made for recruitment purposes.

The Chief also discussed the way the Department addresses calls for service and the required staffing needed to respond. The Committee spoke about the possibility of reexamining the response structure for the City.

Lastly, the Committee discussed with the Chief the possibility for State Level changes and whether or not there needs to be an effort to raise concerns to State Representatives. Committee Members expressed a willingness to assist in such an effort if the Department thought that it would be fruitful.

4.03 Drafting/Approval of Public Safety Committee Mission Statement.

Councilor Magee presented the Committee with a draft mission statement. Both Council Paul and House thought that it was well done and approved of the mission statement.

A motion was made to approve the mission statement and send it to the full Council at their September 12th meeting by Councilor Paul. A second was made by Councilor House. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of Councilor Paul, Councilor House and Councilor Magee.

1. **Any Other Business**

Councilor Magee discussed the need for a CAHOOTS update from the Administration and Councilor Paul indicated that she was in communication with them around that issue. Councilor Paul indicated that they were working on the financing side of the model but that she did hope to have a better update by the September meeting.

Councilor Paul discussed the CNA report and the need to get that finalized. She will try to convene the previous members of the Public Safety Committee (Councilor Hightower and Councilor Stromberg) to finish the draft and hopes to have it before the current committee in September.





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1. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor House Seconded by Councilor Paul

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Yes: Unanimous/ Councilor Paul, Councilor House, Councilor Magee

No:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm