



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

8/15/2018

Public Safety Committee

August 15, 2018

Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Adam Roof (AR) (Chair); Brian Pine (BP); Ali Dieng (AD).

Others Present: Richard Haesler (RiH), City Attorney's Office (Committee Staff); Brian Waters (BW); Colin Hilliard (CH), Burlington Business Association; Jane Knodell (JK), City Councilor; Nancy Stetson (NS); Stephen Marshall (SM); Gillian Nanton (GN), CEDO; Stephanie Sequino (SS)

At 5:37 p.m. Chair Roof commenced the meeting.

1. **Agenda:** Motion to amend to switch 4.01 and 4.02 in scheduled order by BP

Second by AD – passes 3-0

1. **Approval of minutes of 7/11/18:**

Motion by BP; second by AR– passes 3-0

1. **Public Forum:**

None



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4.01 Report on Police Bias from Dr. Stephanie Sequino

Intro by AR

SS: Burlington started collecting data in 2009 - she has been working on the issue since 2012 – work done jointly with Dr. Nancy Brooks –this is a diagnostic tool for the community and for its police department –to hold itself accountable.

SS presents power-point

Concludes presentation by referencing that there is also significant use-of-force data which is available on the Burlington website.

AR: Thank you – and we will put this PowerPoint presentation up on the website linked to this evening's meeting agenda and materials

Q & A follows

Includes informal discussion

Note – approximately 80 % of officers are stopping black drivers disproportionately

- This is systemic not a couple of bad apples – but rather, a part of a culture.

Points to work in educating officers done by Vermont State Police as a model for training their own to properly document in effort to achieve 100 % data – virtually no deficits now.

See also Chitwick – Daytona Beach





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JK: Is there an intersection between non-diverse departments and skewed data?

4.02 Discussion re Report on public restroom access in the downtown core (Recommendation # 5)

Presentation by AR of draft report

Discussion

Note – GN reports that there will be a Churches Community Meeting on August 23 @ 9:30 a.m. in Room 19 (Planning & Zoning Office) to explore making church restrooms available to the public

Note – Can Downtown Improvement District funds be linked to public restrooms?

See Kelly Devine – limited funds

Note – PUMA likely to recommend an Ambassador Program as a part of any solution - those positions will require funding

AD: asks to expand the study to include examination of appetite of local businesses to participate in a solution.

SM: proposes City-wide fund-sharing among local businesses as a program.

BR makes a Motion to forward the report to City Council for adoption and place on file.

AD: second

Motion passes



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5.01 Other Business:

AR: Next meeting on September 12 from 5:30 to 7 – staff to identify room – Room 12 City Hall preferred.

RH: Note that there is a City Council referral from 2017 that will need to be placed on that agenda for discussion/ action/ report back to Council

6.01 ADJOURNMENT

AR: Motion?

BP: So moved

AD: Second

Motion passes 3-0 – meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.