



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

7/11/2018

Public Safety Committee

July 11, 2018

Minutes

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

Others Present: Richard Haesler (RiH), City Attorney's Office (Committee Staff); Randall Harp (RaH), Burlington Police Commission; Colin Hilliard (CH), Burlington Business Association; Carolyn Bate (CB); Stephen Marshall (SM); Stephanie Sequino (SS)

At 5:43 p.m. Chair Roof commenced the meeting.

1. **Agenda:** Motion by BP

Second by AD – passes 3-0

2. **Approval of minutes of 6/5/18:**

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

3. **Public Forum:**

BP requests to make a statement – address Police Bias – Best practice – have here Randall Harp from Police Commission



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

7/11/2018

RaH speaks to data collection, nature of stop, best practices; initiative for BPD; need to be careful to make sure not to give rise to data driven result system. – improve the experience, not just the statistics.

Stephanie Sequino (S) UVM Economics Professor – analyzing the data since 2011

Police Commission reviews the reports

Report produced every 6 months

2 types: Use of Force Data and Traffic Stop Data

BP: Purpose – to look at data to see if policies can be implemented to ameliorate problems if they are found to exist

SS: Check stop rates and search rates

Uncommon alliance – established voluntarily in Burlington prior to legislative requirements – the Burlington experience directly informed the legislative process

That said, BPD seems not to know what to do to eradicate its disparities

AR: What is the role of the Public Safety Committee?

SS: Police are required to gather data but nothing more – City Council can ask Chief for a plan

Request not just data but information as to how they are gathering the data

And what plan do they have for steps to be taken?

RaH: What do they think a healthy data set would look like?





CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

7/11/2018

BP: Make a placeholder for this for August

AD: Agree – but also we should ask that the Police Commission should receive all reports and should be reporting out to the City Council as to what the reports are finding.

SM: Unrelated item – I would be grateful for any communication I can get as to status of and progress being made on addressing encampment issues between meetings as committee members become privy to such information.

Remain concerned about postponement of the encampment issues.

AD: Will try to communicate better with SM between meetings

CB: Need better support for homeless issues generally

4.01 Discussion re increasing public restroom access in the downtown core (Recommendation # 5)

Presentation by AR of proposed resolution

AD proposes strike lines 20 & 21 – thinks it will expedite

AR and CH indicate that they will be personally responsible for producing the analysis of municipal management best practices as addressed by other municipalities and can be timely

SM: concerned by the linking/coupling of closed bathrooms and drug use issues

BP: Amend September report back to August





CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 7/11/2018

AR: Friendly amendment

Amendment passes unanimously

Motion on resolution as amended by AR

Second by BP

Motion passes unanimously

5.01 Other Business:

AR: Next meeting on August 15 from 5:30 to 7 – staff to identify room – Room 12 City Hall preferred.

6.01 ADJOURNMENT

AR: Motion?

BP - So moved

AD – Second

Motion passes 3-0 – meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

7/11/2018

