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Public Safety Committee (held via Zoom)

July 7, 2020

Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Perri Freeman (PF)(Chair); Zoraya Hightower (ZH); Franklin Paulino (FP) (arrived at 5:17 p.m.).

Others Present: Richard Haesler (RH), City Attorney's Office (Committee Staff); Acting Police Chief John Murad (JM), Liz Murray.

At 5:14 p.m. Chair Freeman commenced the meeting.

1. **Agenda:** Motion by ZH

Second by PF; passes 2-0

5:17 p.m. – FP joins the meeting

1. **Approval of minutes of 6/18/2020:**

Motion by ZH; second by PF– passes 3-0

1. **Public Forum:**

No one volunteered to speak. PF offers that if someone arrives late or wishes to speak later in the meeting she will be fine



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with that.

1. **Special Committee to Review Community Policing Practices' Recommendations - Discussion**

Intro by Chair Freeman

– Consider review of the use of force policy – as adopted by the Police Commission in June

- Focus on preventative work
- Willing to give broad consideration of possible topic.
- How information is shared
- How this committee can identify issues for it to address, separate and apart from the issues to be taken up by the joint police commission/public safety committee which is scheduled to commence
- Does anyone know how to identify which items belong in which domain?
- Does anyone know how the joint committee is expecting to identify its areas of concern?

JM: It is my understanding that the Police Commission will maintain its regular schedule and ordinary course of business

PF: We should do the same – so expect to meet monthly and we can identify committee concerns which we will take up until or unless they become the domain of the joint committee.

- I would love if this committee would look at body cam policy – where and when body cam footage can and should be released.

ZH – am particularly interested in the communication pieces – commission, department/administration, council and the public – how communication flows to and between those groups.

FP – am interested to know from the Administration; i.e. BPD in this instance – what do they see as next steps given all of the changes that have been adopted – how to implement – how to budget/allocate. How much &&& are going to be



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needed, allocated to implement.

- Note – as for body cam – not sure how much leeway there is for making changes in policy – dictated by law more or less already

JM: Happy to share our body cam policy – our new use of force policy, etcetera

I will engage as you like

Note – all body cam footage shared with the commission per Chief del Pozo's old policy

PF – my understanding is that the use of force policy came from the subcommittee - it is an improvement – although in my opinion it still doesn't go far enough

- As for the allocations/funding are concerned – I agree that understanding the real cost of implementing the changes seems a meaningful inquiry

ZH – I would like to have someone walk us through the daily call logs and help us understand how dispatches occur.

PF – action item

- That the committee is moving forward with these items.
- Well they can all be placed on the next agenda unless there is a desire to vote some up or down from future discuss/consideration

1. **Public Forum (continued):**

RH – Note that we received the following public forum comment via email from Winifred McCarthy Don:



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Rather than force every 'zone' in Burlington to have to use a company determined by a city department, maybe have the waste companies be assigned certain days of the week and times of the day in order to avoid polluting or crowding or making noise on neighborhoods.

Also, are the various waste companies being consulted and given a say in this process?

Thank you for including my comments, I cannot get online to the meeting.

Winifred McCarthy Don

RH: I will also include the email as a communication to the committee to be posted with the minutes.

1. Other business:

PF: Next meeting – items to review include:

- Body cam policy
- Social services – allocations
- Communications

As found in A, E & G of the subcommittee's recommendations

Also FP's concern re financial allocations for changes

And ZH request re call volume and dispatch discussion

JM – may not be necessary – it's a simple system – we send out available



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ZH – seems like there are some special circumstances though – e.g, Lacey is called for certain types of cases – detectives get assigned to particular cases

PF – we have had Lacey here before this committee in the past – RH or I can reach out

We will need someone from the Administration who can speak to budget allocations

Next date - August 4 at 5:00 p.m.

1.
 - i. **Adjournment**

(PF) ok – do I have a motion to adjourn?

(FP) moves

(ZH) second

Motion passes 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



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