



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

4/5/2016

Public Safety Committee

April 5, 2016

Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Sara Giannoni (SG) (chair); Selene Coburn (SC) David Hartnett (DH)

Additional City Staff: Richard Haesler (RH), City Attorney's Office; Chief Brandon del Pozo (BPD), Jane Knodell (JK) City Council President; Fire Chief Steven Locke

Members of the Public: Will Lamrek; Jay Diaz

Chair Giannoni called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

1. Agenda: motion to adopt by Colburn, second by Hartnett – unanimous.
1. Approval of minutes of 3/14/16: tabled to end of meeting
1. Public Forum: Jay Diaz of the ACLU – re recent police shooting – looking for collaboration to prevent cycle behavior/outcomes – re training; de-escalation; suicide prevention; defensive tactics

To include – update of use of force policies; protocol re crisis intervention; empowerment of police commission, etcetera

Creation of council of community stakeholders; independent review; community outreach to 'frequent contact' communities

Also – second issue – re proposed MOU w Homeland Security – concerned about (a) its broad authority; (b) no sense of accountability



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BPD – Police Chief Del Pozo – response to shooting

Please note we strove for transparency in our internal investigation

JD: please note our recommendations are not for BPD - rather for City Council

4.01 BPD on Opiate Strategy

(BDP) This is a public health crisis – we need affirmative leadership; we wrote a draft proposal for two positions but have revised – seeking a coordinator position at this time

(JK) The proposed resolution was referred to Public Safety Committee for review and feedback, if any, prior to 4/11 Board of Finance and City Council hearings to fund the position.

(BDP) The position would be funded for approx. \$100 k; incl. salary of \$65 - \$72 k – MPA or MPH required; will coordinate with United Way but supervised by BPD; to involve stakeholders (COTS, DCF, Howard, etc.

(SC) How can this local fix create results for problems occurring systemically on the State level?

(BDP) People providing service within the community are getting away with subpar performance and creating data to identify where performance is, and disparities within organizations is valuable information

(DH) I'm interested in the time horizon – I wouldn't want to fund indefinitely if it doesn't work

(BDP) I wish I had the job description – it is posted at HR – It is a limited service position – not sure exactly - I agree though – no objection to review

(JK) I will be prepared to approve so long as police presence on North St. will not be sacrificed





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(SG) I am ready to approve

(DH) Move to recommend to Board of Finance/City Council – that this committee sponsor

(SC) second

Motion passes unanimously

4.02 – 4.04 – continued to next

4.05 Needle Disposal

(SG) Pilot has officially started.

(SC) City Hall boxes have been installed. Parks and Library next.

(DH) Note – there are reports of increased needle problem on lower Church Street

4.06 Update – MOU btwn U.S. Immigration and Customs, Homeland Security and BPD

(SG) Was Deputy Chief Wright able to follow up with Homeland Security?

(BDP) We are at present on hold with regard to moving forward – but in spirit of future negotiation I am wondering if there is an appetite for a policy along the lines of the NYC Mayor's position on Immigration inquiry? Happy to follow up/discuss w individuals anytime.

To reiterate we are not going forward with MOU at this time



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(SC) See my written comments. Posted on Boarddocs for tonight's meeting. Not supportive of the MOU in the form we saw.

Item 2 (cont.) - Minutes of 3/14/16

(SC) Correction to spelling – spelled "Brendon" instead of Braden" for Mr. O'Neil - Migrant Justice – misspelled in the draft minutes.

Also 4.04 – should read "We need to invite UVM and other stakeholders." Presently reads as UVM needs to invite other stakeholders.

(DH) Move to adopt as amended.

(SC) Second)

Minutes approved unanimously

5 Local Emergency Operations Plan – Proposed Executive Session

(DH) Move to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussion of sensitive security information

(SC) Second

Executive Session commences at 5:53 p.m.

Executive Sessions concludes at 6:02 p.m. Other Business





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(DH) Move to sponsor resolution for adoption of Local Emergency Operations Plan

(SC) Second

Motion passes unanimously

Item 6 - Other Business

(DH) I just want to compliment the Police Department – I believe that we need to recognize the progress being made – there is substantial difference in the quality of response and public response in this recent tragic shooting incident as opposed to prior incident and to compare the two is unfair.

(DH) Congratulates Chair Giannoni on a successful first year as Chair of the Committee.

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Meeting Adjourned at 6:08 p.m.