

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 30, 2020

In Attendance

Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 4:16 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr., all present via electronic means. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Police: Jason Irvin, Assistant Chief, Special Operations Training

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (December 17, 2019) were approved as published.

Proposed Changes to Police Advisory Review Committee Ordinance

Mr. Noblett gave an update on the changes for the Police Advisory Review Committee ordinance. A discussion ensued in which the following topics were addressed:

- New Date – Aug. 1 (Councilman Gilbert)
- Initial Appointments/terms (Councilman Gilbert)
- Process for complaints brought to the Committee (Councilman Gilbert)
- IA Reporting Timeline (Councilman Gilbert)
- IA Requirements (Councilman Gilbert)
- Votes by the Committee (Councilman Gilbert)
- Subpoena Power (Councilwoman Coonrod & Councilman Byrd)
- Procedures for the Charter (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Violations of Policies of the Police (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Accountability of Chief of Police (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- PARC Members sent update ordinance (Councilman Henderson)
- PARC Members made aware of Public Safety Committee (Councilman Henderson)
- Timeline for PARC to hear cases (Councilman Mitchell)
- Authority in creating policy (Councilman Mitchell)
- Council access to PARC (Councilwoman Berz)
- Quarterly Reports from PARC (Councilwoman Berz)

Councilwoman Berz moved for the Police Advisory Review Committee to provide quarterly reports to the Council. Councilman Mitchell seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

Assistant Chief Irving updated the Council on the upcoming Response Simulator for PARC. Councilman Henderson asked Mr. Noblett to put this item on agenda for July 14th.

Councilwoman Coonrod wanted to discuss in the next Public Safety Committee who could be first on the scene of some calls other than Police Officers. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

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