

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 18, 2022

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## **In Attendance**

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Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. A quorum was present, including Chairman Chip Henderson, Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Demetrus Coonrod. Other panelists present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Police: Glenn Scruggs, Assistant Chief; Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC): Kay Baker, Chair

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Vice Chairman Ken Smith** and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (October 26, 2021) meeting were approved as published.

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## **PARC Quarterly Report**

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Councilman Byrd opened the floor to Ms. Baker, who gave the PARC quarterly report covering the months of October – December 2021 [*see attached*]. Discussion ensued, with Chief Scruggs joining the discussion to respond to the following:

- Number of interactions in the year (Councilman Ledford)
- Attendance and Participation (Councilwoman Berz)
- Process for disagreements with Chief of Police (Councilman Byrd)

Upon no further questions or comment the issue was closed.

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## **PARC Ordinance Amendments**

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Councilman Byrd opened the floor to Ms. Baker on the corrections/changes that needing to be made to the ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding Councilmembers concern on the following:

- Language pertaining to Chairperson (Councilman Henderson)
- Wording change for the word Citizen (Councilwoman Berz)
- Attendance address on Ordinance (Councilwoman Berz)
- Red Line Format (Councilman Ledford)

Councilman Byrd asked that the requested changes be forwarded to the Council. He asked Attorney O'Donnell to work on a final version for Council to revisit at a Public Safety Committee meeting. Upon no further questions or comment the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

*ATTACHMENT:*  
*PARC Quarterly Report*

CHATTANOOGA POLICE ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT  
 PERIOD COVERED: OCTOBER, NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2021

I. CASE STATISTICS:

- a. PARC reviewed 41 cases involving 55 officers.
- b. Breakdown – Citizen v. Internally Generated Complaints
  - i. 27 Citizen Generated Complaints
    - 1. In 5 of the cases generated by a citizen complaint, the Chain of Command (COC) and PARC found at least one violation of policy by one officer.
  - ii. 14 Internally Generated Complaints
    - 1. In 13 of the cases generated internally, the COC and PARC found at least one violation of policy by one officer.
- c. January - December 2021: PARC has reviewed 163 cases.
  - i. Of those 163 cases, the Chief disagreed with the PARC recommendation in 11 cases (In 3 cases there was only partial disagreement, in 1 case new information came to light after PARC reviewed the case, and in 1 case the Chief found a violation of policy where PARC did not)
  - ii. (NOTE: There are approximately 46 cases that are pending a final Chief’s decision – no decision at this time or pending hearing).

II. CATEGORIES OF VIOLATIONS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

| CATEGORY OF VIOLATION      | # OF COMPLAINTS | VIOLATIONS FOUND BY COC | VIOLATIONS FOUND BY PARC |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Biased Policing            | 1               | 0                       | 0                        |
| Conduct Unbecoming         | 3               | 1                       | 2                        |
| Criminal Offense           | 1               | 0                       | 1                        |
| Departmental Reports       | 1               | 1                       | 1                        |
| Discourtesy                | 8               | 1                       | 1                        |
| Extra Employment           | 2               | 2                       | 2                        |
| Firearm Discharge I        | 1               | 1                       | 1                        |
| False Report               | 1               | 0                       | 0                        |
| Harassment                 | 6               | 0                       | 0                        |
| Improper Investigation     | 4               | 0                       | 0                        |
| Improper Procedure         | 10              | 5                       | 6                        |
| Insubordination I          | 1               | 1                       | 1                        |
| Knowledge of Laws/Policy   | 1               | 0                       | 0                        |
| Pursuit Policy             | 3               | 3                       | 3                        |
| Unsatisfactory Conduct     | 1               | 1                       | 0                        |
| Unsatisfactory Performance | 4               | 0                       | 1                        |

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| Untruthfulness        | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| UOF Physical          | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Vehicle Use Violation | 1 | 1 | 1 |