

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES November 17, 2020

In Attendance

Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilman Jerry Mitchell were not present.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

PARC Members: Kay Baker (Chair), Christy Rashed, and Michael Watkins

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (November 10, 2020) were approved as published.

Police Advisory and Review Committee

Ms. Baker gave the Council an update on the work being done by the Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC). A discussion ensued, wherein the following topics were addressed:

- Areas of concern (Councilman Ledford)
- Cases Community Driven (Councilman Gilbert)
- HR Cases vs. Community Cases (Councilman Gilbert)
- Need for Committee to look at both types of Cases (Councilman Henderson)
- Possibility of some Citizen complaints not coming before PARC (Councilwoman Berz)
- Subpoena Power (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Current Cases (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Ordinance weak and with loopholes (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- State Provisions (Councilman Gilbert)
- Email for Citizen's complaints
- Picture of Committee (Councilman Byrd)
- Meet the Committee (Councilman Byrd)
- 1994 Crime Bill (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Independence from Police Department (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Quarterly report (Councilman Byrd)
- Hotline (Councilman Gilbert)

Per Councilman Gilbert's request, Councilman Byrd opened the floor for committee members to address the Council about further needs in relation to the ordinance and the sequences of cases coming before them. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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