

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Record

Meeting Date: Monday, October 23, 2017

Convened: 11:05 A.M. **Adjourned:** 12:11 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair
Council Member Philip T. Kingston, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano
Council Member Sandy Greyson
Council Member Kevin Felder

Committee Members Absent:

Council Member Jennifer S. Gates

Other Council Members Present:

Staff Present:

Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune, CMO
Police Chief René Hall, DPD
Executive Assistant Chief David Pughes, DPD
Deputy Chief Scott Walton, DPD

Major Melissa McGee, DPD
Assistant Chief Paul Stokes, DPD
Exec. Asst. City Attorney Maureen Milligan, CAO

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes from the October 9, 2017 PSCJ Committee Meeting

Presenter(s): Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the October 9, 2017 minutes.

Motion made by: CM Felder

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: DMPT Medrano

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Hiring Sworn Retirees as Temporary Civilian Employees

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Scott Walton, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with information on DPD's proposed initiative to hire retired sworn personnel as temporary civilian employees to support the department's efforts in investigations, administration and field support. The interest from retirees will continue to be monitored and staff will implement once funding from realized savings is available. CM Kingston supports this idea and would like staff to continue to seek interest from retirees. MPT Caraway's concerns are with the hires not getting paid for vacation or holidays and not being able to accrue sick time. Chair McGough would like to see about adding responding to priority 3 and 4 calls to the list of capacities; staff will look into it. CM Felder would like to see about using this as an opportunity to address the response time for property crimes.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. Nuisance Abatement Ordinance Review

Presenter(s): Major Melissa McGee, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided the committee with a draft view of the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance and performance measures that have been put in place. CM Greyson would like to see if it's possible to mandate that the owner attend the accord meetings and not a representative; staff will look into it. CM Felder continues to express his concerns with the amount of crime in his district and is requesting another camera trailer to be deployed. He would like to know how much it would cost to get another camera trailer added to the fleet. Vacant lots continue to be used for loitering (drinking, gambling, etc.) and CM Felder wants to see what the CAO can do to enforce the Criminal Trespass Affidavit (CTA) Program in order for DPD to go onto private property. The CAO will report back.

MPT Caraway reported a nuisance at/near the Buck and Ruck on MLK Jr. Blvd. where at the foot of the bridge, on the parking lot, there are groups of 25-50 people hanging out with their barbeque pits, etc.; a burglary also happened at Buck and Ruck last week. He would like to see this ordinance enforced at this location and it broken up. DMPT Medrano would like to get a list of the hot spots staff currently has. The CAO mentioned that a representative from the National Convenience Store Association will be speaking to the Risk Teams tomorrow about best practices and crime prevention. Chair McGough would like the agenda for this meeting be sent to the Committee. He also mentioned that having a year is long enough to close a case and reduce abatable offenses 100% instead of by 50%.

The Nuisance Abatement Ordinance is tentatively scheduled to brief Full Council on December 6, 2017.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

4. Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Action Matrix

Presenter(s): Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune, DPD

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Staff provided the committee with responses to the requests/questions asked during previous committee meetings along with an updated action matrix.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

5. Upcoming Agenda Item(s)

Presenter(s): Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to move these upcoming agenda items forward with recommendation to full Council.

Motion made by: DMPT Medrano

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Greyson

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

B. Adam McGough, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

Crystal Lee, Coordinator
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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