

Public Safety Citizen's Review Panel Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2020

Meeting called to order: 4:01 PM

Panel Members present: Amanda Bulris-Allen, Bonnie Black, Herb Carpenter, Police Chief Levi Ritter, Maxine Perry, Hilary Rogers

Approval of the minutes for October 5, 2020. Tabled until November 16, 2020.

Old Business

Discussion of Community Input: Bonnie advised of common themes and actionable items discussed during the community focus group. 14 community members attended. Challenges included "defend not defund", adequate training and equipment, unfilled positions/understaffing, and public safety before budget. Discussion regarding specialized training regarding the elderly population, housing / juvenile officer and succession plan for new officers when current ones leave. Strengths included community center and Officer Miller's acts. Areas of improvement identified were racial bias, mental health training. Suggestions discussed by members including a civilian oversight/review board, officers carrying business cards.

Common Council deadline: Motion to provide current recommendations and request the Common Council extend the December 31, 2020 deadline by Bonnie Black. Second by Amanda Bulris-Allen. Discussion. Amended motion to request the Common Council extend the December 31, 2020 deadline by Amanda Bulris-Allen. Second by Bonnie Black. All in Favor: 6 All opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

Vacant Positions: Motion to Table by _____. Second by Levi Ritter. All in Favor: 6 All opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Public Comment: Comment from David Yokum

Motion to adjourn by Bonnie Black. Second by Maxine Perry. All in favor: 6 All opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Adjourned: 5:05 PM. Next meeting is November 16th at 4:00