

Public Safety and Justice Virtual Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:00 PM Council Chambers Virtual

Members:

Present:

Absent:

Commence: Adjourn:

6:01PM 7:04PM

Pam Fernald, Chair

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Stanley Tombs

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Staff Coordinator: Jon Mattsen/Chief

Other Council Members Present: Clyde Hill, Peter Kwon

Other Staff Present: Evan Maxim, Mary Kate McGee, Bart Perman, Joe Hodgson, Mary Mirante-Bartolo,

Abraham Ritter, Chad Mulligan

Call to Order	Chair Fernald called the meeting to order at 6:01PM
2. Public Comment	There was no public comment.
3. Review of 2/11/21 Minutes	X_Approval Committee approved the meeting minutes as written.
4. Code Compliance Program	X Discussion – Mary Kate gave an informational presentation on activities related to the ongoing evaluation of the Code Compliance Program. The strategies that the Core Committee members have identified include informational brochures, a solid waste voucher program, and attendance at City and neighborhood events such as recycling events, neighborhood block watch and National Night Out. Discussion / Questions followed.
5. Permit Parking Update	X Discussion – Jon provided clarification concerning the Permit Parking Program and the City Manager's authority to approve minor changes to the Ordinance. This authority was already provided under the July 2019 Ordinance revision, and it is the intent of the City Manager to keep the committee and Council aware and informed of what is occurring with the Program, but more importantly to have Council direction on any significant changes. Currently due to Covid, there is no enforcement action being taken regarding the Program. Once the City resumes normal operation, enforcement will start back up with plenty of warnings to inform the residents of a start date. Discussion / Questions followed.

6. Traffic Enforcement in the City	X Discussion – Joe Hodgson gave an update on the Motors Traffic Unit and Officers Shoblom and Chapman. The Motors Unit backs patrol but is mainly focused on traffic issues. Cityworks drives a lot of their work which includes abandoned vehicles and parking issues. They also receive requests from other City departments, mainly from Public Works during construction projects. They are very responsive to residents' concerns. The unit is also going to participate in an Exchange Program with other cities that have motor units and will help each other out with grant-funded emphasis details such as Distracted Driver emphasis. Discussion / Questions followed.
7. Block Watch Programs	X Discussion – Chad Mulligan gave an update on the Block Watch Programs. He said that although due to Covid, meetings have been put on hold, one Block Watch member recently did a Zoom meeting. Community Engagement Officer Robell Ghrmai will be the Block Watch Coordinator and will help neighborhoods set up new Block Watch groups. He is currently meeting with groups to talk, listen to their concerns, and provide guidance. Once a year the Block Watch Captains will meet with Officer Ghrmai, along with the two CSO's. Discussion / Questions followed.
	Next Meeting: May 13, 2021 at 6:00PM.
	Potential topics for next meeting: TBD
Adjourn	Chair Fernald adjourned the meeting at 7:04PM.