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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Standing Committee

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – City Hall

Committee Members and other Councilmembers in Attendance

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair
The Honorable Nicole Jones – Vice Chair
The Honorable Kristen Nye – Member (late arrival)

Others in Attendance

Greg Lukanuski, Deputy City Attorney
Nahdiah Muhammad, Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Assistant City Clerk Nahdiah Muhammad provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

Public Comment Period

Sarah Ramsey addressed the committee and stated her concerns regarding the Richmond Police Department's (RPD) execution of search warrants issued regarding claims of embezzlement. Ms. Ramsey provided the committee with a handout regarding her public comment.

[CD.2024.259](#) July 23, 2024 - Public Comment Handout

Attachments: [20240723 Public Safety - Public Comment Handout](#)

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of June 25, 2024 and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2024.227](#) June 25, 2024 - Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20240625 Public Safety Minutes - DRAFT](#)

Board Vacancies

Pamela Nichols, Council Management Analyst, reviewed board vacancies for the committee's consideration.

[CD.2024.241](#) July 23, 2024 - Public Safety Board Vacancy Report

Attachments: [20240723 - Public Safety Board Vacancy Report](#)

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Member Kristen Nye arrived at 1:10 p.m., and was seated.

Member Kristen Nye moved to forward the following board appointment applications to Council with a recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

Community Criminal Justice Board:

Judge Jacqueline McClenney

Helen Wallace MacDonald

Alice Colegrove Minium

Presentation(s)

Richmond Police Department (RPD) Crime Statistics

Chief of Police Rick Edwards, provided the committee with a presentation regarding Richmond Police Department (RPD) crime statistics.

[CD.2024.258](#) July 23, 2024 - Richmond Police Department (RPD) Crime Stats Presentation

Attachments: [20240723 Richmond Police Department \(RPD\) Crime Stats Presentation](#)

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Member Kristen Nye thanked Chief of Police Rick Edwards for providing the committee with the most recent crime statistics. Member Nye also inquired about current and anticipated speed cameras in the city.

Chief Rick Edwards stated that RPD has obtained permits for 13 anticipated speed cameras in the city.

Member Nye stated that localities now have the authority to regulate the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) used illegally in the city. Member Nye inquired if RPD will be willing to use legislation as a tool to curbe the illegal use of ATVs.

Chief Rick Edwards stated that RPD will be in contact with the City Attorney's office regarding the introduction of legislation on the illegal use of ATVs in the city.

Vice Chair Nicole Jones inquired about qualifications to obtain a gun safe from RPD.

Chief Rick Edwards stated to qualify for a gun safe, you must be a Richmond resident and have a firearm.

Chair Reva Trammell stated her concerns regarding Walmsley Boulevard becoming a danger for pedestrians crossing due to excessive speeding, increased traffic and lack of sidewalks. Chair Trammell also stated concerns from a city resident regarding 4-way stop signs being placed at the 1600 block of Decatur Street.

Chief Edwards stated that RPD is aware of the dangers for pedestrians crossing at Walmsley Boulevard. Chief Edwards also stated RPD will evaluate placing 4-way stop signs at the 1600 block of Decatur street.

Vice Chair Jones inquired about what steps RPD will take regarding implementing ORD. 2024-094, which modifies the city code concerning the city's sound control provisions.

Chief Edwards stated RPD has begun the process of enforcing ORD. 2024-094.

Emergency Preparedness (Hurricane Season)

Anthony McLean, Chief Deputy Coordinator of the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, provided the committee with a presentation regarding emergency preparedness for the 2024 hurricane season.

[CD.2024.255](#) July 23, 2024 - 2024 Hurricane Season Emergency Preparedness

Attachments: [2024 Hurricane Season Emergency Preparedness Presentation](#)

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Paper(s) for Consideration

There were no papers for consideration.

Discussion Item(s)**August Committee Meeting**

Chair Reva Trammell stated the August Public Safety Standing Committee meeting would be cancelled.

Staff Report

Council staff provided the committee with the July Public Safety Standing Committee staff report.

[CD.2024.256](#) July 23, 2024 - Public Safety Staff Report

Attachments: [20240723 Public Safety Staff Report](#)

A copy of material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.