



City of Richmond Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Standing Committee

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Vice Chair
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Committee Member (*late arrival*)
Greg Lukanuski, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Alexander Rawles, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

City Clerk Candice Reid provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

Member Andreas Addison arrived and was seated.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Member Addison moved to approve the March 27, 2018, Public Safety Standing Committee meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Presentations

Pulsepoint

Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services Staff Battalion Chief Tracy Thomas presented information regarding Pulsepoint software technology and reported that the department was able to secure an endowment from the 100 Club to purchase the software. Ms. Thomas stated that the Pulsepoint software is integrated into the city's 911 dispatch, so should a citizen call 911 to report someone in cardiac arrest, other citizens in the immediate vicinity are alerted that CPR is needed and notifies them of the nearest AED. Battalion Chief Thomas indicated that there are two mobile device applications (apps): Pulsepoint Responder and Pulsepoint AED. Ms. Thomas displayed videos demonstrating how the apps work and answered questions from the committee.

Vice Chair Kristen Larson requested information regarding the technology to include in the 4th District newsletter and expressed interest in facilitating a Pulsepoint partnership between the fire department and the Richmond Ambulance Authority.

Chair Trammell requested that Ms. Thomas present Pulsepoint at a future 8th District meeting.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Richmond Fire and Emergency Services Department

Richmond Fire and Emergency Services Chief Melvin Carter reviewed the department's organizational chart and personnel strength stating that there are four divisions: administration, operations, support services and emergency management. Mr. Carter informed the committee that the department's workforce is authorized at 434 personnel, and there are currently 269 firefighters, 16 recruits in the fire academy, 31 sworn vacancies and three non-sworn vacancies. He also informed that the department is recruiting 12 pre-certified firefighters to reduce its overtime budget. Chief Carter responded to questions and comments from Chair Trammell regarding vacancy impact on city fire stations and raising awareness of rising cancer diagnoses among firefighters.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Papers for Consideration

There were no papers for consideration.

Board Vacancies

Boards and Commissions Administrator Alexander Rawles reviewed board applications for the committee's consideration.

There were no comments or discussions and Member Addison moved to forward the following reappointment applicant to Council with the recommendation to approve:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Capital Area Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Advisory Board (4 members appointed by Council)	Applicants must reside or work in the city (3 vacancies)	William W. Muse

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Discussion Item(s)

Richmond Police Department's (RPD) Anti-Prostitution Efforts

RPD Second Precinct Lieutenant David Naoroz addressed the committee stating there are now additional walking officers patrolling the Jefferson Davis Highway area for criminal activity including prostitution. Lieutenant Naoroz informed the committee that the department has created focus mission teams of six to eight officers, and three arrests for prostitution were made at the end of January during a team mission. Lieutenant Naoroz answered questions from committee members regarding rehab resources

for offenders and how prostitution is targeted. Deputy Police Chief Steve Drew was also present to respond to questions.

Staff Report

Council Policy Analyst Steve Taylor distributed the April staff report to the committee.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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