



## City of Richmond

### Meeting Minutes

#### Public Safety Standing Committee

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Tuesday, March 27, 2018

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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#### Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair  
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Vice Chair  
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Committee Member  
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk  
Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff  
Greg Lukanuski, Assistant City Attorney  
Susan McKenney, Assistant City Attorney  
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk  
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

#### Call to Order

Chair Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

#### Chamber Evacuation Plan and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Pamela Nichols, assistant city clerk, 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.

#### Public Comment Period

***William Pantele, representing Richmond Coalition of Police,*** addressed the committee regarding support for the mayor's FY 2019 and 2020 proposed budget for the city's sworn police officers.

#### Approval of Minutes

Member Andreas Addison moved to approve the February 27, 2018 meeting minutes, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### Presentations

#### Richmond Police Department Organizational Structure, Crime Report and Crime Clearance Report

Richmond Police Chief Alfred Durham presented information regarding citywide crime statistics, clearance rates for recorded crimes, staffing and vacancies as of December 2017, total calls for service for 2017, and the 2008 – 2017 homicide report. Chief Durham reported that the department recently implemented a five year obligated service agreement for new recruits, in hopes to reduce the loss of trained officers to other law enforcement agencies. Chief Durham further reported that the Virginia General

Assembly recently approved legislation that gives cities, such as Richmond, the power to require property owners to abate criminal blight, and allows steady-burning blue or red lights for visibility of law-enforcement vehicles, beginning July 1, 2018. Chief Durham encouraged Council to attend the Focusing on Crime Using Statistics (Focus) meetings, and provided copies and an overview of the proprietary Focus Report for Sector 211. Chief Durham urged the committee to contact the area's precinct commanders regarding issues or concerns related to their Council Districts.

*A copy of the material provided has been filed.*

Richmond Police Major William Smith responded to questions relative to the national turnover rate for police officers.

### **Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) Annual Report**

Chip Decker, RAA Chief Executive Officer, presented the 2017 RAA Annual report which included an overview of the total number of calls for service to include opioid related matters in 2017, and key initiatives and challenges. Mr. Decker indicated that RAA is one of the busiest medical transport in the country and that the authority achieved the highest customer service scores ever recorded for both patient engagement and loyalty.

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### **Papers for Consideration**

There were no papers for consideration.

### **Board Vacancies**

There were no board applications to be considered.

### **Staff Report**

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

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### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.