

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 16, 2018

In Attendance

Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:51 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell, and Council members Carol Berz, Russell Gilbert and Erskine Oglesby. Also present was Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Clerk. Vice Chairman Ken Smith and Council Members Chip Henderson and Darrin Ledford arrived after the call to order. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (December 9, 2017) meeting were approved as published.

Others in Attendance

Police: David Roddy, Police Chief; Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, and Troy Rogers, Public Safety Coordinator; Purchasing: Bonnie Woodward, Purchasing Director

VRI Update

Councilman Byrd invited Chief Roddy to give an update on the Violence Reduction Initiative (VRI). Chief Roddy made a presentation that included information on the following:

- VRI Background
- VRI Progress
- Our Strategy
- Youth Social Services Contract

Mr. Rogers joined the presentation to discuss the Call-in Process, the youth impact and how the approach can work. He discussed multi-systemic services ("wrap around services") and gave examples of cities finding success with the holistic approach of the VRI.

Chief Roddy continued with presentation discussing how the department got to the VRI Youth Social Services Contract resolution on the 1/23 agenda. He discussed the RFP process and naming Father to the Fatherless as the recommended vendor for the process. He offered to update the Council during CPD's department report as needed.

- Councilman Gilbert commented on the lack of reporting and follow-up from the current vendor. He asked Ms. Woodward to discuss the pricing for an RFP is given in advance, whether vendors show in advance if they can perform the services prior to city funding; his request for information about the vendors. Councilman Gilbert requested that

Purchasing provide him with the last three years of every contract given to any vendor regarding VRI. A response was not provided about the request for information.

- Councilwoman Berz voiced concerns to Chief Roddy about the RFP selection committee and whether properly-credentialed persons reviewed the credentials of the vendor and selected. Chief Roddy discussed the case management model. Councilwoman Berz discussed credentialing of case managers with other social service agencies. Ms. Woodward indicated that she would need to refer the RFP to the councilwoman regarding credentialing.
- Councilwoman Berz reiterated Councilman Gilbert's concerns about reporting from the vendor. Chief Roddy asked, if this VRI contract is approved, that the Council submit questions for the report they will provide to the Council so that they can do quarterly reports.
- Councilman Henderson commented on the need for the youth services program. He requested a list of individuals who met collaboratively to develop the RFP. Chief Roddy gave a verbal list and discussed the collaborative meetings of those who contributed to the RFP. Councilman Henderson requested the line item budget to perform the contract and what each line item requested. Ms. Woodward agreed. She also discussed the RFP model being a weighted process (scoring). Councilman Henderson requested the RFP scoring before next week.
- Councilman Gilbert commented on VRI having someone who could go into the community and have respect in the streets. He questioned the exclusion or suspension of youth in certain programs. Mr. Rogers discussed the need to change the paradigm for the type of people who reach out to youth. He discussed the impact of consistency and love on changing the trajectory of youth, regardless of the credits a person may have.
- Councilman Byrd asked about the collaborative efforts of those in the community who can contribute to the RFP. Chief Roddy discussed the one paid vendor and the collaborate effort of other agencies and community members contributing to the services to the youth. He also discussed how case managers know where to direct the youth to meet their needs.
- Mr. Rogers spoke on the case management model, weekly meetings with the vendor and job fairs for the community.
- Councilman Gilbert commented and commended the VRI's emphasis on mental health.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.