

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 13, 2021

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## **In Attendance**

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Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. A quorum was present, including Chairman Chip Henderson, Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Police: Danna Vaughn, Assistant Chief; Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC): Kay Baker, Chair

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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On motion of Vice Chairman Ken Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (May 4, 2021) meeting were approved as published.

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## **PARC Quarterly Report**

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Councilman Byrd opened the floor to Ms. Baker, who gave PARC's quarterly report covering the months of April – June 2021. Her report included the case statistics and the committee's concerns, policy recommendations, and/or requests [see attached report].

Discussion ensued with Ms. Baker and Chief Vaughn, who responded to questions from Councilwoman Hill on the following: discourtesy complaints, de-escalation techniques, implementation of additional trainings, and body cameras. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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

Attachment:  
PARC quarterly report

CHATTANOOGA POLICE ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE  
QUARTERLY REPORT  
PERIOD COVERED: APRIL, MAY, and JUNE 2021  
REPORT PROVIDED TO COUNCIL: June 21, 2021  
REPORT PRESENTED: July 13, 2021

I. CASE STATISTICS:

- a. PARC reviewed 40 cases involving 50 officers.
- b. Breakdown – Citizen v. Internally Generated Complaints
  - i. 26 Citizen Generated Complaints
    - 1. In 3 of the cases generated by a citizen complaint, the Chain Of Command (COC) and PARC found at least one violation of policy by one officer.
  - ii. 14 Internally Generated Complaints
    - 1. In 13 of the cases generated internally, COC found at least one violation of policy by one officer.
    - 2. In 12 of the cases generated internally, PARC found at least one violation of policy by one officer.
- c. During this reporting period PARC received results from Chief Roddy on 3 cases where the Chief disagreed with the PARC recommendation.

II. CONCERNS/POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS/REQUESTS/UPDATES:

- a. PARC reviewed a case involving the theft of police equipment and a police issue firearm from an officer's vehicle. In response to a concern expressed by PARC, CPD officials proactively reviewed the classification on the loss, theft, or abuse of equipment, and enhanced the penalty for any loss, theft, or abuse of a firearm.
- b. The taser policy does not make it clear which officer is responsible for taking the individual who has been tased to the hospital for a medical clearance. In some instances, the officer who utilized a taser is not the transporting officer. Should there be more clarity in that policy?
- c. In the taser policy there is no exception made for an individual who is driving a motorized vehicle – car or motorcycle or other. Should officers be warned against utilizing a taser on an individual who is in control of a moving vehicle or motorcycle?
- d. PARC believes that body worn cameras should be mandatory for any officer who might not be required to wear one for his or her main assignment but who may be supplementing the work force on street assignments. Not only should those officers be provided a body worn camera, but they should also be held accountable to the body worn camera policies.
- e. Based on our reviews since October, we would like to see additional focused training on de-escalation techniques, especially for front line officers.

III. CATEGORIES OF VIOLATIONS

CATEGORY OF VIOLATION	# OF COMPLAINTS	VIOLATIONS FOUND BY COC	VIOLATIONS FOUND BY PARC
Abuse or Loss of Equipment	1	1	1
Conduct Unbecoming	2	1	1
Criminal Offense (Misd)	0	0	1
Digital Recording Rules	1	1	1
Discourtesy	6	1	1
False Arrest	3	1	1
False Report	2	2	2
Harassment	2	0	0
Improper Investigation	5	0	0
Improper Procedure	4	1	1
Improper Search	1	1	1
Insubordination Level I	2	2	2
Insubordination Level 2	1	1	1
Knowledge of Laws/Rules	1	0	0
Pursuit Policy	5	2	2
Racial Bias	1	0	0
Responding to Calls	1	0	0
Submitting Reports	2	2	2
Supervisory Responsibility	1	1	1
Theft	1	0	0
Unsatisfactory Performance	2	2	2
Untruthfulness	4	3	3
UOF Physical	5	2	1
UOF Taser	1	1	0
Vehicle Use Violation	2	2	2