

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council
January 31, 2023

In Attendance

Councilman Chip Henderson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Council Chairman Darrin Ledford, Council Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Councilpersons Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Phil Noblett, Interim City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant. Video of this meeting is available by clicking [here](#).

Others in Attendance

Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC): Mary Anne Hensley, Chair.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Chairman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (October 25, 2022) meeting were approved as published.

PARC Quarterly Report

Councilman Henderson opened the floor to Ms. Hensley, the committee chair, who presented PARC's [Q4 Report](#) covering the 15 cases reviewed from October – November 2022. Councilman Smith inquired on the committee recommendation process. Chairman Ledford alongside Councilpersons Henderson and Hill expressed their gratitude to Ms. Hensley for her work with the committee and the committee's impact. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other Business

Regarding Councilwoman Coonrod's presentation request to CPD Chief Murphy, Councilman Henderson advised that it has been agreed offline to be deferred for one month. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

*Attachments:
PARC Q4 Report*

CHATTANOOGA POLICE ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT
PERIOD COVERED: OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2022

I. CASE STATISTICS:

- a. PARC reviewed 15 cases involving 18 officers.
- b. Breakdown – Citizen v. Internally Generated Complaints
 - i. 11 Citizen Generated Complaints
 - 1. The Chain of Command (COC) and PARC found 0 violations of policy by any officer.
 - ii. 4 Internally Generated Complaints
 - 1. In 2 of the cases generated internally, the COC and PARC found at least one violation of policy by one officer.
 - 2. In 1 case generated internally, the COC found a policy violation where PARC did not.
- c. From October 2020-November 2022, PARC has reviewed 361 cases involving 440 officers. In 20 of those cases the Chief’s final decision was different from the PARC recommendation (in some instances the Chief only disagreed on one of the policies, or the Chief found a violation where PARC did not, etc.)

II. CATEGORIES OF VIOLATIONS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022

CATEGORY OF VIOLATION	# OF COMPLAINTS	VIOLATIONS FOUND BY COC	VIOLATIONS FOUND BY PARC
Improper Investigation	5	0	0
Improper Procedure	1	0	0
Discourtesy	1	0	0
Failure to Appear in Court	1	1	0
Negligence	1	0	0
Use of Force	2	0	0
Insubordination	2	2	2
Responding to Calls	1	0	0
Criminal Offense	1	0	0
Missing Property	1	0	0

III. RECOMMENDATIONS TO CHIEF OF POLICE

- a. Update: PARC received permission from Chief Murphy to allow newly appointed members to complete their mandated ride-alongs with officers in conjunction with or alongside the Citizens Police Academy course (rather than waiting until

the CPA training is complete) to expedite the process and enable them to become voting members more quickly.

- b. Due to one case reviewed, PARC plans to make a recommendation to the chief to add regulations around personal firearms being contained in police vehicles, specifically as it relates to the security of those items and the lack of any requirement for them to be under a double-locking mechanism for theft prevention (double-locking mechanism is required for department-issued firearms but not personal firearms).
- c. Due to a separate case, PARC also recommends using body-worn camera footage from a particular case as an example for enhanced officer training.