

**City of Richmond - Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force**  
Meeting held via Zoom: [https://richmond.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=38](https://richmond.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=38)

**MINUTES\***  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021, 5:30 PM**

*\*video recording and meeting transcript available*

**I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - AGENDA REVIEW**

Meeting called to order by Johann Fragg at 5:34 P.M.

**PRESENT:** M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, D. Tucker, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

**ABSENT:** D. Joseph, J. Lee, S. Leslie, A. Soto, N. Syon

**II. MEETING PROCEDURES**

**III. APPROVE - FEBRUARY 10, 2021 MINUTES, FEBRUARY 24, 2021, MINUTES MARCH 10, 2021 MINUTES**

**February 10, 2021 Minutes**

Motion to approve the February 10, 2021 minutes by L. Whitmore; seconded by M. Njissang; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** M. Cantú, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** E. Chacon, L. Mangels, B. Therriault, D. Tucker

**Absent:** D. Joseph, J. Lee, S. Leslie, A. Soto, N. Syon

**February 24, 2021 Minutes**

Motion to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes by L. Whitmore; seconded by M. Njissang; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, T. Walker, L. Whitmore

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** D. Gosney, B. Therriault, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

**Absent:** D. Joseph, J. Lee, S. Leslie, A. Soto, N. Syon

**March 10, 2021 Minutes**

Motion to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes by L. Whitmore; seconded by M. Njissang; the motion failed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** M. Cantú, L. Chacon, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Tucker, T. Walker, L. Whitmore

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** E. Chacon, D. Gosney, L. Mangels, D. Small, B. Therriault, B.K. Williams

**Absent:** D. Joseph, J. Lee, S. Leslie, A. Soto, N. Syon

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## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no emailed public comments and one (1) speaker.

1. Victoria Cowan commented on seeing some mental health experts added but worries reducing any of the budget for the Richmond Police Department and Richmond Fire Department will have significant impacts on the already stretched budgets.

## V. STAFF REPORTS

A staff report was provided by Johann Fragd regarding the availability of the meeting and chat transcript of the previous Community Round Table Conversation meeting.

## VI. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

### 1. DISCUSS Process Clarifications Question Memo - Jim Nantell, Interim Community Services Director

Jim Nantell provided a memo to the Task Force and presented questions to the Task Force in regards to process clarifications. Topics presented included public safety budgets, feedback on who is answering specific questions, developing recommendations to provide to the City Council, budget recommendation timelines, and general Task Force processes and meeting scheduling. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: There were no public speakers for this item.

### 2. Sub-Group Committee Reports and Recommendation Discussions

#### a) Smart Budget & Resource Allocations

An update was provided by subgroup member M. Cantú. The subgroup is awaiting recommendations, numbers, financial reports, and answers to pending questions from other subgroups to provide a more detailed budget analysis. Subgroup members J. Schlemmer, M. Cantú, and D. Small provided some clarity on what is included in the public safety budget. Discussion continued.

#### Public Comment:

There was one (1) speaker.

1. Oscar Garcia suggested that the Task Force reconsider the approach of reallocating the budget from the police department and instead consider seeking alternative funds from the county, state, or federal government to fund some projects, and then reevaluate the police budget before they start cutting.

#### b) Accountability as Safety

An update was provided by subgroup member L. Whitmore regarding a list of five objectives/goals that were developed for the subgroup, information presentations that they are receiving, and upcoming subgroup recommendations that will be provided to the Task Force. Discussion continued.

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### Public Comment:

There was one (1) speaker.

1. Naomi Williams expressed concern about reducing the Richmond Police overtime budget and availability of police to respond to calls in the southside of Richmond.

### **c) Health & Safety**

M. Njissang provided an update regarding ideas for a local mental health crisis team, collaboration with the Reimagining Public Safety Community Group and subgroup member K. Kilian-Lobos, meetings with SOS! Richmond regarding a transitional village, and meetings with Sam Vaughn from ONS regarding an analysis of their annual budget. Discussion continued.

### Public Comment:

There was one (1) speaker.

1. Adey Teshager recommended to the Task Force to increase the ONS budget by five percent.

### **d) Community Based Solutions**

An update was provided by subgroup member E. Chacon regarding youth economic and workforce development, youth summer employment, and conversations with Boukhay Phongboupha (Employment and Training). Subgroup member B.K. Williams added that they are developing a list of resources and organizations to possibly allocate funds to. Subgroup member T. Walker added information about youth homelessness. Discussion continued.

Public Comment: There were no public speakers for this item.

## **VII. ACTION ITEM RECAP**

A motion was made to remove the Department of Children and Youth presentation agenda item on April 14, 2021 and designate the meeting as a working meeting to devote the time to the subgroups recommendations and questions from the Task Force by L. Whitmore; seconded by M. Njissang; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

**Noes:** D. Gosney, T. Walker

**Abstain:** R. Joseph, L. Mangels, D. Small

**Absent:** D. Joseph, J. Lee, S. Leslie, A. Soto, N. Syon, D. Tucker

A motion was made to add a special meeting on April 21, 2021 by L. Whitmore; seconded by M. Njissang; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels,

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### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made at 7:28 P.M. to extend the meeting by 30 minutes by R. Joseph; seconded by E. Chacon; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** E. Chacon, L. Chacon, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, M. Njissang, D. Small, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

**Noes:** J. Schlemmer, B. Therriault, D. Tucker

**Abstain:** M. Cantú, D. Gosney, L. Mangels

**Absent:** D. Joseph, J. Lee, S. Leslie, A. Soto, N. Syon

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

### **Scheduled Meetings:**

General Meeting - Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - 5:30PM

Community Round Table Session 3 - Thursday, April 15, 2021 - 6PM