

City of Richmond - Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
Meeting held via Zoom: https://richmond.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=38

MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021, 5:30 PM

**video recording and meeting transcript available*

I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - AGENDA REVIEW

Meeting called to order by Johann Fragd at 5:35 P.M.

PRESENT: H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, J. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore

ABSENT: D. Joseph, A. Soto, D. Tucker, T. Walker, B.K. Williams

II. MEETING PROCEDURES

III. APPROVE - MARCH 10, 2021 MINUTES, MARCH 24, 2021, MINUTES, APRIL 14, 2021 MINUTES

March 10, 2021 Minutes

Motion to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes by L. Mangels; seconded by L. Whitmore; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, J. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore,

Noes:

Abstain: D. Gosney

Absent: D. Joseph, A. Soto, D. Tucker, T. Walker, B.K. Williams

March 24, 2021 Minutes and April 14, 2021 Minutes

Motion to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes and April 14, 2021 by H. Burks; seconded by L. Whitmore; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, J. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore

Noes:

Abstain: D. Gosney

Absent: D. Joseph, A. Soto, D. Tucker, T. Walker, B.K. Williams

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one (1) speaker.

1. Philip Mehas wanted folks to mute themselves who are not speaking and supports the efforts of the Task Force. He believes the work will be sabotaged by the RPOA but believes it will strengthen their work.

V. STAFF REPORTS

1. Jim Nantell thanked E. Chacon, L. Chacon, M. Njissang, K. Kilian-Lobos, and M. Cantú for providing information for the City Council meeting that was scheduled for last night.

VI. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. **DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION relative to follow up from May 10, 2021 Task Force Presentation of Recommendations at City Council Meeting**

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Jim Nantell led a discussion on clarification of the budget reduction recommendation, creation of an implementation plan and ad hoc team, impacts of not implementing the new model, and additional information needed from the subcommittees. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Carole Yu-Johnson commented on hearing about taking funding from police but has not heard of funding that would sustain these programs for 10-15 years instead of a few years. She would love to hear them.
2. Yenny Garcia is excited to hear about implementation and how these ideas are going to take place. It is something the community is asking for and wants to know the plan for it is going to happen.

A motion was made to create an ad-hoc group for implementation with two slots for members from each subgroup to discuss with the Finance Department by L. Mangels; seconded by B. Therriault; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, J. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: D. Joseph, A. Soto, D. Tucker, T. Walker, B.K. Williams

Public Comment:

1. Yenny Garcia commented that Johann Fragd was empowering her on how to guide meetings and wanted to tell her she was doing a great job at it.
2. **DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION regarding clarification/confirmation of City Council direction relative to developing budget reduction and whether such reductions were to come solely from the Police Department budget.**

A motion was made to move agenda items 3 and 4 up for discussion and table agenda items 2 and 5 unless there is time left at the end of these discussions by J. Schlemmer; seconded by D. Small; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, 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, L. Whitmore

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: D. Joseph, J. Lee, A. Soto, D. Tucker, T. Walker, B.K. Williams

3. **RECEIVE and CONSIDER any updates or additional recommendations from Task Force Subcommittees**

The Accountability as Safety subgroup provided an update led by subgroup member R. Joseph on their [recommendations](#). Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Phillip Mehas wants the Task Force to implement as much as they can because the City Council has to approve or deny their recommendations. He noted that the City Council always directs staff to do the implementation. He noted that hiring in HR is where it starts.

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A motion was made to accept the two recommendations from the Accountability as Safety subcommittee as given by R. Joseph; seconded by L. Whitmore; the motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: L. Chacon, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, L. Mangels, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore

Noes: D. Gosney, A. Lee

Abstain: H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, M. Njissang

Absent: D. Joseph, J. Lee, A. Soto, D. Tucker, T. Walker, B.K. Williams

A motion was made to accept the first set of recommendations by L. Chacon; seconded by D. Small; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, L. Whitmore

Noes: D. Gosney

Abstain:

Absent: D. Joseph, R. Joseph, J. Lee, A. Soto, B. Therriault, D. Tucker, T. Walker, B.K. Williams

4. DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION relative to requests for presentations by Task Force Members

Agenda Item was tabled for another meeting.

5. DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION regarding potential request for a term limit extension of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force - Board Member(s)

Agenda Item was tabled for another meeting.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS - No member comments were made.

VIII. ACTION ITEM RECAP - No action item recap was made.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes until 7:45 P.M. by R. Joseph; seconded by H. Burks; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes: B. Therriault

Abstain:

Absent: D. Joseph, J. Lee, A. Soto, D. Tucker, T. Walker, B.K. Williams

A motion was made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes until 8:00 P.M. by L. Mangels; seconded by L. Chacon; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes: D. Gosney, B. Therriault

Abstain:

Absent: D. Joseph, J. Lee, A. Soto, D. Tucker, T. Walker, B.K. Williams

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.