

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

MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 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 5:33 P.M.

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

ABSENT: L. Chacon, D. Joseph, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

III. MEETING PROCEDURES

IV. APPROVE - April 21, 2021 minutes, April 28, 2021 minutes, May 12, 2021 minutes, May 26, 2021 minutes

A motion was made to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes, April 28, 2021 minutes, May 12, 2021 minutes, and the May 26, 2021 minutes by D. Gosney; seconded by L. Whitmore; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: L. Chacon, D. Joseph, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto, B.K. Williams

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. R. Joseph commented on recent public awareness and scrutiny on Task Force members T. Walker and A. Soto for not living in Richmond and highlighted some of their recent work.

VI. STAFF REPORTS: There were no staff reports.

VII. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. UPDATE on City Council Budget Meeting - Laura Snideman, City Manager and Bisa French, Chief of Police

An update regarding recent City Council decisions, upcoming agenda items, and subcommittee recommendation, was presented by City Manager Laura Snideman. Police Chief Bisa French provided a brief update regarding recent police budget decisions and RPD suggestions on reducing the proposed \$10.3 million reallocations. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment

1. Sara Cantor asked the City Manager in regards to the different proposed budget scenarios mentioned and when people will be able to access them and seconded the comments by the Task Force members to have a line item budget.

2. DISCUSS and GET CLARIFICATION regarding implementation plans and scope of Implementation Team.

J. Fragd led a discussion with Task Force members and staff in regards to upcoming planning, scheduling, and preparation for an eight-person implementation team. Discussion continued.

Public Comment

1. Sara Cantor concurred with Task Force members to have the City Manager hear the updated Task Force proposals and agreed with the other Task Force members for the need of back-and-forth conversation.
2. Carole Yu-Johnson wanted to address how to measure success in topics such as housing, education, and

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job training. It is when people are allowed to thrive and crime is reduced and not things such as over policing.

3. RECEIVE and CONSIDER any additional Recommendations from Task Force Subcommittees:

a. Accountability as Safety

R. Joseph provided an update on recent subcommittee work and introduced Nihkit Bhatia, Head of Sales from GreenKey, to share a [presentation](#) and discuss potential plans with police data management.

Public Comment

1. Sara Cantor wanted to second what A. Soto discussed regarding public accountability and wants the police data to be posted on Transparent Data.

A motion was made to invite Police Chief Bisa French to come to the Accountability as Safety subcommittee to hear the GreenKey presentation for police data management by R. Joseph; seconded by B. Therriault; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: L. Chacon, D. Joseph, J. Schlemmer

b. Health and Safety

A Healthy and Safety Revised Budget Proposals [presentation](#) was given by subcommittee member M. Njissang. Discussion continued.

Public Comment: There were no speakers.

c. Smart Budgeting & Resource Allocation

A revised Police Budget Reallocation [presentation](#) was given by subcommittee member by D. Small.

Public Comment: There were no speakers.

A motion was made to amend an old motion and instead move forward with these new recommendations for City Council by M. Cantú; seconded by A. Soto; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, M. Cantú, L. Chacon, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, A. Soto, B.K. Williams

Noes: J. Lee

Abstain: E. Chacon, D. Gosney, B. Therriault, D. Tucker, T. Walker, L. Whitmore

Absent: D. Joseph, J. Schlemmer

VIII. ACTION ITEM RECAP

1. J. Fragd reminded the Task Force that there was a request to have the Police Chief at the Accountability as Safety subcommittee meeting.
2. Jim Nantell will submit amendment to the prior motion to City Council and acting Finance Director as per direction of the Task Force.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to extend the meeting until all presentations are complete by R. Joseph; seconded by M. Njissang; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Abstain: D. Gosney

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Absent: L. Chacon, D. Joseph, J. Schlemmer

Meeting ended at 8:38 P.M.