

**City of Richmond - Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force**  
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**MINUTES\***  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

*\*video recording and meeting transcript available*

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

Meeting called to order by Jim Nantell at 5:32 P.M.

PRESENT: 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, A. Soto, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore  
ABSENT: D. Joseph, J. Lee, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

**II. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

**III. MEETING PROCEDURES**

**IV. APPROVE - June 9, 2021 meeting minutes, June 23, 2021 meeting minutes, and the July 28, 2021 meeting minutes**

A motion was made to approve the June 9, 2021 meeting minutes by A. Soto; seconded by E. 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, D. Small, A. Soto, T. Walker, L. Whitmore

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** J. Schlemmer

**Absent:** D. Gosney, D. Joseph, J. Lee, B. Therriault, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

A motion was made to approve on the June 23, 2021 meeting minutes by L. Whitmore; seconded by D. Small; 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, T. Walker, L. Whitmore

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** A. Soto, B. Therriault

**Absent:** D. Gosney, D. Joseph, J. Lee, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

A motion was made by A. Soto to not approve and amend the July 28, 2021 meeting minutes to reflect a conversation with Senior Assistant City Attorney Soublet regarding the need to more adequately agendaize a request to the City Council to extend the term of the Task Force at the next Task Force Meeting; the motion was seconded by M. Cantú; 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, A. Soto, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:** D. Joseph, J. Lee, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Cordell Hindler had his emailed written comment read regarding an invitation to all Task Force members for the Industry of Councils meeting taking place on September 25, 2021.

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Bruce Soublet provided a staff update and more detailed information on a recent public records request sent last week. He also informed Task members that he is available for questions and comments. Discussion ensued.

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## VII. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

- 1. RECEIVE a presentation and TAKE ACTION on proposal to request the City Council extend the term of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force for an additional three (3) years - Addendums A, B, C, D, E attached**

Budget subcommittee member L. Chacon provided a [presentation on the Timeline of the Task Force](#) and led a discussion on a potential extension of the life of the Task Force for an additional three (3) years. Discussion continued.

A motion was made to recommend that the City Council extend the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force as currently constituted until the end of fiscal year 2024 by M. Cantú; seconded by A. Soto; 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, D. Small, A. Soto, T. Walker

**Noes:** D. Gosney

**Abstain:** J. Schlemmer, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore

**Absent:** D. Joseph, J. Lee, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

Public Comment: There were no public speakers.

- 2. REVIEW and APPROVE Accountability as Safety Subcommittee recommendations**
  - a. Presentation from Subcommittee - Addendum F attached**
  - b. Questions/Comments to and from staff**
  - c. Questions/Comments from Task Force**
  - d. Consideration by Task Force to approve/disapprove/modify recommendations**

Subcommittee member R. Joseph led a discussion and presented updates on the [Accountability as Safety recommendations](#) specific for Goal #5: The Communication Center is a 24/7 365-days operation and is a pivotal part of serving people in crisis. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to approve approve the updated recommendations of Goal #5 for bullet points 1-6: 1) direct the City to authorize and increase the allotment of dispatchers to a total of twenty (20); 2) have the Richmond Police Department emphasize and prioritize the hiring and filing of these positions with an amended additional emphasis on bilingual applicants; 3) increase salary allotment to compete with other dispatcher salaries in the Bay Area; 4) have all dispatchers receive cultural competency training similar to the Richmond Police Department; 5) dispatch upgrade technology to meet the needs and demands of the city by J.Schlemmer; and 6) move Dispatch from the Police Department into its own department by J. Schlemmer; seconded by B. Therriault; 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, A. Soto, B. Therriault, T. Walker,

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** D. Gosney

**Absent:** D. Joseph, J. Lee, D. Tucker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Public Comment: There were no public speakers.

- 3. RECEIVE reports from Task Force Subcommittees, including answers to the following questions: Are you still meeting? Have you completed your work? Will you be presenting additional recommendations to the Task Force? If so, when?**
  - a. Accountability as Safety**
  - b. Community Based Solutions**
  - c. Health and Safety**
  - d. Smart Budgeting & Resource Allocation**
  - e. Implementation Team**
  - f. Accountability as Safety**

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No reports were presented by any of the subcommittees.

### **VIII. ACTION ITEM RECAP**

No action item recap was given.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

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**From:** Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 5:33 PM  
**To:** Recreation  
**Subject:** Public Comments

good evening Task Force Members and City Staff, I have a couple of announcements for the record

1. you are invited to the Council Of Industries General Meeting on September 15th at noon via Zoom

Presentation by HRM Campus Bay on the Campus Bay development plan

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425966506?pwd=MUIZYnhxNENHSmk2WFhLNWp5UTQ2QT09>

Meeting ID: 814 2596 6506

Passcode: 713186

2. there are tickets for the 100th anniversary of Labor Workers Dinner

9-25-21

150.00 dollars at the Crane way Pavilion

Sincerely  
Cordell