

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

MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

**video recording and meeting transcript available*

I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - AGENDA REVIEW

Meeting called to order by Chair Chacon at 5:32 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

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

*A. Lee and L. Mangels arrived at 5:37 P.M. J. Lee arrived at 6:04 P.M. A. Soto at 6:20 P.M. J. Schlemmer at 6:23 P.M.

III. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Staff Liaison LaShonda White requested to move agenda item VIII-3 up after staff reports; Chair Chacon approved.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by D. Small; 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, M. Njissang, D. Small, T. Walker, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph, A. Lee, J. Lee, L. Mangels, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto

IV. MEETING PROCEDURES

V. MINUTES APPROVAL (CHAIR CHACON)

1. APPROVE the minutes of the December 8, 2021 special meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

A motion was made to approve the December 8, 2021 meeting minutes by L. Whitmore; seconded by R. Joseph; 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, D. Small, T. Walker, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. An emailed public comment submitted by Cordell Hindler was read into the record (attached).
2. Chair Luis Chacon made remarks about the late Mike Parker and acknowledged his passing and power and hoped that his legacy will carry on through the work that they do.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

1. Public Records Act Request Update

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Staff Liaison LaShonda White presented this report and City Attorney Heather McLaughlin provided additional input. Liaison White reminded Task Force members that City Attorney Bruce Soublet is still awaiting a response from several Task Force members to submit documentation that complies with the various Public Records Requests regarding any communication members had with Councilmembers and others by January 31, 2022. Discussion ensued.

Task Force Member D. Small commented that she has sent numerous written requests to the City Attorney's Office regarding her concerns on the scope of the public records request being overly broad and personal and is awaiting an adequate response from the Office that will address her concerns. City Attorney Heather McLaughlin confirmed receiving the request and shared that it is typical City protocol to ask the requestor to narrow down the scope but are not always successful. City Attorney McLaughlin asked Task Force members still pending responses to send records that they believe are responsive and not overly broad per the records request at that point in time. She further stated that it can become a rolling release of the records and that she will check in with City Attorney Bruce Soublet regarding the letters and concerns. Task Force Member L. Mangels stated she had not complied with the request due to outstanding questions not being addressed. Task Force Member D. Small cited California case law stating that records that are part of deliberative process are not subject to the PRA and expressed concern that much of the material requested falls outside of this scope and noted these concerns in her two letters sent to City Attorney Soublet in November and December 2021. She further expressed that Task Force members were not told they were subject to the Public Records Act when they first joined. Task Force Member D. Gosney agreed that separate emails would be beneficial for communication. Task Force Member B. Therriault suggested redactions and D. Gosney stated it should be done by City staff and McLaughlin agreed. She requested separate emails for Task Force members for Task Force business. Staff Liaison White noted that due to the concerns to be addressed, the deadline of January 31, 2022, is no longer active and that the rolling release of the records will be best moving forward.

2. Task Force Meeting Attendance Report

Staff Liaison White presented this report and reminded Task Force members about the attendance and excused absences policy in the City of Richmond Commission Handbook. Discussion ensued to clarify procedures, timing, and absences.

Public Comment:

1. Sara Cantor asked staff regarding the actual consequences of not complying with the Public Records Request.
2. Carole Johnson asked why we cannot see all of the Task Force members on camera and compared it with another public commission.
3. Adey Teshager commented on City Attorney Heather McLaughlin's comments regarding arrests and imprisonment and that it was a triggering comment.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. ELECTION of Chair

Chair L. Chacon announced that he is stepping down as Chair and will also step back from the Implementation subcommittee. Chair Chacon opened the floor for nominations. Discussion ensued.

A. Lee nominated D. Small; seconded by M. Cantú; D. Small accepted the nomination.

A substitution motion was made to keep nominations open by H. Burks; seconded by D. Gosney; 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, B.K. Williams

Noes: A. Soto, T. Walker

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph

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B. Therriault nominated J. Schlemmer; seconded by L. Whitmore; J. Schlemmer accepted the nomination. Chair Chacon closed nominations and discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Carole Johnson commented that Deborah Small would make a great chair.

The motion continued to nominate D. Small as Chair by A. Lee; seconded by M. Cantú; 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, B. Therriault, B.K. Williams

Noes: D. Gosney, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, L. Whitmore

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph

J. Schlemmer withdrew his nomination after the vote for D. Small as Chair.

2. APPROVE extending the public comment period to 2 minutes

Chair Chacon presented this item. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to approve extending the public comment period to 2 minutes and follow City council protocol for public comment by R. Joseph; seconded by A. Soto; 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, A. Soto, T. Walker, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

3. DISCUSS future Task Force community meeting protocol regarding promoting members as panelists and recording of meetings

Staff Liaison White provided a presentation on this agenda item in light of concerns brought up by a Task Force member at a recent Community Conversations meeting and clarified standard City protocol during public meetings. Discussion ensued.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes by A. Soto; seconded by R. Joseph; failed by the following vote:

Ayes: M. Cantú, R. Joseph, A. Soto, T. Walker

Noes: L. Chacon, D. Gosney, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, J. Lee, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Abstentions: H. Burks, E. Chacon, L. Mangels

Absent: D. Joseph

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.