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Major Updates

- Moved Schools, Social Services, Sustainability and Housing to separate chapters
- Chapter now focused on Code Enforcement, Fire and Policing
- Revisions to goals and policies that better incorporate the Reimagining Public Safety efforts

Public Safety Chapter

Key Questions for Today:

- What might have been overlooked from an equity standpoint?
- What else can we do to increase community members' sense of public safety?



Community Input

- Resident Satisfaction Survey
- One Community Plan
- Reimagining Public Safety
- Community Oversight of Policing
- Social Justice and Equity Commission
- Staffing Study
- Strategic Plans



Key Fire Updates

- Created separate disaster planning and response goal and policies
- Added policy for CARES
- Added performance level reporting accountability



Key Police Updates

- Reorganized for clarity and accessibility
- Introduction emphasizes equity, community engagement and accountability
- Removed policies that were unclear or not in alignment with Reimagining Public Safety or OPD's Strategic Plan

- Emphasizes transparency, data use, and civilian oversight
- Added policies to address additional recommendations from Reimagining Public Safety



| | December 03, 2024, Study Session Version | July 15 Revised Version |
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| Vision & Values Section | Only a brief 'Our Vision for the Future' line. No formal values listed. | Expanded with 6 core values: Equity, Trust, Community, Compassion, Innovation, Preparedness. Clear guiding framework. |
| Police Oversight | Mentions Police Auditor, Oversight Board. | Clearly names and commits to roles like Community Policing Board, Office of Professional Standards, etc. |
| Community Collaboration | Encourages public engagement but spread across 15+ policies. | Consolidated, more action-oriented, and adds clearer community partnership mechanisms. |
| Use of Force & Equity | General references to reducing force and alternative justice models. | Stronger language on de-escalation, compassion, equitable accountability, and minimizing criminalization. |
| Performance Measures | Limited to Code Enforcement. | Adds policies for both OPD and OFD to develop and track performance measures to evaluate effectiveness of services. |

New Public Demonstrations Goal & Policies

- Goal GS9 implements findings from 2020 review of public demonstration responses to maintain appropriate crowd management and public safety strategies
- Supported by three policies:
 - Maintain public safety while preserving freedom of speech
 - Establish communications with the community before, during and after demonstrations
 - Provide training for first responders related to First
 Amendment rights and de-escalation

Notable Social Justice & Equity Policies

- Non-fiscal Code Enforcement solutions
- Community Risk Assessment & Mitigation Plan for equity
- Outreach and partnerships to reduce reliance on 911
- Focus on staff culture, retention, diversification
- Policies for communication and community involvement
- Staffing policy to facilitate relationship building time

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