



# Meeting Agenda

## Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee

City Hall  
601 4th Avenue E  
Olympia, WA 98501

Information: 360.753.8244

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Thursday, September 9, 2021

5:30 PM

Online and via phone

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(Estimated Time: 0-15 Minutes)*

*During this portion of the meeting, community members may address the Committee for up to two (2) minutes regarding the Committee's business meeting topics.*

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 5.A [21-0861](#) Approval of August 12, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

6. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- 6.A [21-0848](#) Reimagining Public Safety 2022 Budget Considerations

- 6.B [21-0865](#) Reimagining Public Safety Process Update

- 6.C [21-0849](#) Public Health and Safety Programs, Services and Investments in the 2022 Operating Budget

7. **REPORTS AND UPDATES**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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## **Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee**

### **Approval of August 12, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety Meeting Minutes**

**Agenda Date:** 9/9/2021  
**Agenda Item Number:** 5.A  
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# Meeting Minutes - Draft

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chari Parshley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 3 - Chair Lisa Parshley, Committee member Clark Gilman and Committee member Cheryl Selby

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.A [21-0793](#) Approval of July 22, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

### 5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 5.A [21-0791](#) Overview of Fire Department Cares and Response Model Changes for the City of Olympia Fire Department

Olympia Fire Department (OFD) Chief Mark John and Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Bossard gave an overview of an Emergency Life Support Basic Life Support Transport (BLS) proposal to address decreasing availability, increasing on-scene times and increased demand on emergency response units. The benefit would be better service to the community; improved response times, consistent service, OFD Community Assistance Referral Services (CARES); more units to handle increasing demand; more emergency responders; and improve Washington State Insurance Rating Bureau Classification. The initial capital needed would be \$3,006, 250. Staff and equipment needs include three ambulances; outfitting three ambulances; 18 full time equivalent positions and one OFD CARES vehicle.

Firefighter Paramedic Erin Johnson gave an overview of the OFD Cares program, which is essentially a hospital diversion program for low acuity patients; which are in several

categories psychiatric related; falls; activity of daily living limitations and social support needs. The program is supported by RCW 35.21.930 which allows Fire Departments to develop the CARES program and bill Medicaid for services, which is also supported by House Bill 1358. The CARES projected revenue would be \$261,009.75. The pilot staffing model would include 1 program director, a licensed social worker and a behavioral health specialist. A two year staff model would include two teams of a licensed social worker and behavioral specialist along with interns from St. Martins University.

Committee members asked clarifying questions throughout the presentation.

**The report was received.**

## **6. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Assistant City Manager Debbie Sullivan reviewed the Committee's work plan. She noted on September 9 the Committee will discuss budget considerations related to the Crisis Response Unit, body cameras, the Police Auditor goals and outcomes, along with a discussion on how to tell the City's story of how we are addressing public safety issues. On October 14 Police Chief Aaron Jelcick will give an update on the implementation of the police reform bills that passed last legislative session. In November the Committee will receive an update on the reimagining public safety process.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



## Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee

### Reimagining Public Safety 2022 Budget Considerations

**Agenda Date:** 9/9/2021  
**Agenda Item Number:** 6.A  
**File Number:** 21-0848

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**Title**

Reimagining Public Safety 2022 Budget Considerations

**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

No referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Discuss Reimagining Public Safety 2022 budget considerations.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Whether to discuss Reimagining Public Safety 2022 budget considerations.

**Staff Contact:**

Debbie Sullivan, Assistant City Manager, 360.753.8499

**Presenter(s):**

Debbie Sullivan, Assistant City Manager

Keith Stahley, Assistant City Manager

Tye Graham, Chief Prosecutor

Aaron Jelcick, Police Chief

**Background and Analysis:**

One of the stated purposes of the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety is to consider recommendations to Council regarding budget options that will create a public safety system that works for all. Staff will present information and budget impacts on services, programs, equipment and technology that moves the City toward a more equitable and just public safety system.

The recommendations address how we respond to our community, data tracking and accountability. The recommendations include the Homeless Coordinator and support, Downtown Ambassadors, the expansion of the Crisis Response Unit, OFD Cares, body cameras, the Police Auditor and enhancements to data tracking in the City Prosecutor's Office. Although some of these programs and services have been part of the City for a few years, they either need additional, permanent or new

funding.

Staff will discuss how the enhancement/program addresses reimagining public safety, the budget impact and implementation schedule. Based on feedback from the Ad Hoc Committee, staff will present the Public Safety 2022 budget considerations to the Finance Committee on October 20.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

A Community Work Group is engaging with the public in 10-12 listening sessions in the Fall to reimagine public safety to create a system that reduces inequities and eliminates bias. The Community Work Group is on track to present recommendations to the City Council in early 2022.

**Options:**

1. Discuss Reimagining Public Safety 2022 budget considerations.
2. Do not discuss Reimagining Public Safety 2022 budget considerations.
3. Discuss Reimagining Public Safety 2022 budget considerations.

**Financial Impact:**

None at this time.

**Attachments:**

None.



## Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee

### Reimagining Public Safety Process Update

**Agenda Date:** 9/9/2021  
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**File Number:** 21-0865

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**Title**

Reimagining Public Safety Process Update

**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

No referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Receive an update on the Reimagining Public Safety process.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Whether to receive an update on the Reimagining Public Safety process.

**Staff Contact:**

Stacey Ray, Strategic Planning and Performance Manager, Office of Performance and Innovation,  
360.753.8046

**Presenter(s):**

Stacey Ray, Strategic Planning and Performance Manager

**Background and Analysis:**

The Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety's charter includes working with City staff to develop a greater understanding of the current public safety system and consider recommendations to Council on policy and budget options that will reduce inequities, eliminate bias, and create a public safety system that works for all.

On February 11, the Committee approved an approach to engage the community in a broad and highly inclusive public process to "Reimagine Public Safety," with an emphasis on the City's criminal justice system. This approach is being led by a Community Work Group (Work Group) made up of ten community members. The Work Group will develop for Council recommendations for how to create a public safety system that will best serve Olympia. Council will use this information to guide policy and budgeting decisions for 2022 and beyond. The recommendations will reflect what the Work Group heard and learned from the community.

The purpose of this agenda item is for staff to provide an update on the Reimagining Public Safety public engagement process, including the Work Group's planning for listening sessions, how staff will be involved in the process, and communications strategies for engaging community members in the process and sharing what's already underway to address public safety.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

There is broad community member interest in the City hosting a community engagement process to reimagine public safety in Olympia. In response, the City Council has already committed resources and funding to a public engagement process in 2021.

**Options:**

1. Receive the update.
2. Do not receive the update.
3. Receive the update at another time.

**Financial Impact:**

The City's approved 2021 Operating Budget includes \$100,000 to support the Reimagining Public Safety process.

**Attachments:**

None.





## Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee

### Public Health and Safety Programs, Services and Investments in the 2022 Operating Budget

**Agenda Date:** 9/9/2021  
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**Title**

Public Health and Safety Programs, Services and Investments in the 2022 Operating Budget

**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Discuss public health and safety programs, services and investments in the 2022 Operating Budget.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Whether to discuss public health and safety programs, services and investments in the 2022 Operating Budget.

**Staff Contact:**

Debbie Sullivan, Assistant City Manager, 360.753.8499

**Presenter(s):**

Debbie Sullivan, Assistant City Manager

**Background and Analysis:**

The City's annual Operating Budget is one of the most visible and significant ways we achieve and articulate the community's vision. Historically, the Operating Budget has been organized by Departments. Each Department presents their operating budget, including a description of their programs and services, employee complement, trends and challenges, and accomplishments. Although, each chapter shares the same outline, each Department organizes and presents their budget slightly differently.

Over the past year, the City Council and the community have engaged in reimagining public safety. This effort has highlighted the need to better communicate how the City invests taxpayer dollars to provide public health and safety to programs and services to our community. Staff will share a proposal to create a Public Health & Safety Chapter in the 2022 Operating Budget. This chapter would include Housing/Homelessness, Fire, and Police.

Staff will discuss the proposal and work to incorporate feedback into the 2022 Operating Budget. The City Manager is scheduled to be present the preliminary budget to the full Council on November 1, 2021.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

Clearly communicating the programs, services and investments the City provides will enhance public trust and engagement.

**Options:**

1. Discuss public health and safety programs, services and investments in the 2022 Operating Budget.
2. Do not Discuss public health and safety programs, services and investments in the 2022 Operating Budget.
3. Discuss public health and safety programs, services and investments in the 2022 Operating Budget at another time.

**Financial Impact:**

There are no financial impacts at this time.

**Attachments:**

None.