



Meeting Minutes - Draft

General Government Committee

City Hall
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Wednesday, October 27, 2021

5:30 PM

Online and Via Phone

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qxBBxW9zQ-aDb_rqIKD6BQ

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Renata Rollins, Committee member Yến Huỳnh and Committee member Dani Madrone

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5.A** [21-1032](#) Approval of September 22, 2021 General Government Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 6.A** [21-1042](#) Approval to Forward to the City Council a Recommendation to Establish a New Social Justice and Equity Commission

Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Olivia Salazar de Breaux and Founding Member Work Group members Megan Matthews, Joslyn Nelson and Rusty Sheka shared an overview of the process to establish a Social Justice & Equity Commission.

The Work Group shared their recommendation regarding the findings from their research that aided in their crafting a proposal that included a Commission name, jurisdiction, scope of work, and a role for the Work Group in the recruitment and appointment process. It was noted that while not in attendance Work Group member Anthony Markland was supportive of the recommendation being presented.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Committee member Madrone moved, seconded by Committee member Huynh, to recommend to the full Council a recommendation to establish a new Social Justice and Equity Commission as recommended by the Founding Member Work Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Rollins, Committee member Huynh and Committee member Madrone

6.B [21-1026](#) Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Board Update

Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA) Liaison Max DeJarnatt and PBIA Board Chair Danielle Ruse gave an update on the work of the PBIA to include plans for downtown arts investments and holiday twinklefest.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

6.C [21-1030](#) Police Auditor 2022 Scope of Work Discussion

Assistant City Manager Debbie Sullivan gave an overview and background of the current duties & responsibilities of the Police Auditor, as well as an work completed in 2021.

She shared a recommendation for the future Social Justice & Equity Commission to evaluate and recommend to the Council a model for police civilian oversight and give them Commission an opportunity to engage with the public to look at the models and make recommendations to the City Council.

Committee members asked clarifying questions. It was recommended that next year's Police Auditor contract eliminate the quarterly report and have the Auditor review the City's approaches to demonstrations.

Committee member Madrone moved, seconded by Committee member Huynh, to recommend to the full City Council to continue the Police Auditor contract with modifications as discussed and request the future Social Justice and Equity Commission to explore options for police civilian oversight. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Rollins, Committee member Huynh and Committee member Madrone

7. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purce Braseth gave an update on the Advisory Committee Recruitment Process and the updated City Council guidebook.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.