



# Meeting Minutes - Draft

## General Government Committee

City Hall  
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**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

**Online and via phone**

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**Register to attend:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_isj-NWKqQKKWkFuzXFnnxg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_isj-NWKqQKKWkFuzXFnnxg)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rollins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 3 - Chair Renata Rollins, Committee member Dani Madrone and Committee member Clark Gilman

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**The agenda was approved.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people spoke: Jazmine Fox-Stern, Krystafer Brown, Carmen Coleman, Robert Truman, Kye Brown, Desiree Elliott, Simon Williams, Talauna Reed, and Wendy Tanowitz.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 5.A** [20-0687](#) Approval of August 26, 2020 General Government Committee Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

**6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- 6.A** [20-0735](#) Discussion of Public Safety Spotlight Items to Add the General Government Committee Agendas

Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purse Braseth reviewed the Committee's calendar for the rest of the year for available dates to receive public safety reports on various topics. Fire Chief Mark John, Community Planning & Development (CP&D) Director Leonard Bauer, and Interim Police Chief Aaron Jelcick gave a general overview of public safety services.

Committee members expressed interest in the following topics:

**Fire Department:**

- paramedicine
- equipment standards and needs
- firefighter mental health support
- disaster preparedness
- urban wildfires
- impacts of growth and annexation on fire services.

**CP&D:**

- Substandard housing issues
- de-escalation training for code enforcement and parking enforcement officers
- access to housing and homeless response update

**Police:**

- challenges police officers face
- officer mental health needs
- types of calls officers respond to
- update on crisis response and Familiar Faces programs
- jail services update including facility challenges
- crowd control and armed citizens
- interjurisdiction cooperation
- municipal court and community court efforts
- use of force and contentious escalation reporting
- dashboard of traffic stops, arrests, and jail inmates by ethnicity

City Manager Jay Burney suggested summarizing what was heard tonight and coming back with proposals for their 2021 calendar. The Committee agreed to that approach and noted the importance of linking conversations in the various committees with the full Council and progress moving forward with next steps in reimagining public safety.

**The discussion was completed.****6.B**      [20-0740](#)      Preparations for the 2021 City Council Retreat

Mr. Burney said the Council retreat is currently scheduled for January 8 and 9. He reported Nancy Campbell is available to facilitate and suggested using City Hall as the location. Topics of discussion could include racial justice, climate mitigation plan, and strategic communications plan.

The Committee expressed interest in:

- homelessness, housing, and emergency mental health services; City response absent a regional approach
- regular work sessions
- different or co-facilitator options
- individual calls with Councilmembers prior to the retreat to discuss agenda topics

- governance and community relations
- agenda topics - Council needs versus presentations

Mr. Burney noted it may be difficult to provide options for available facilitators for the January retreat, but agreed to look into it further and report back.

**The discussion was completed.**

**6.C**     [20-0733](#)     Review of Council Guidelines

Ms. Purce-Braseth noted in even years the General Government Committee considers proposed changes to the Council Guidelines.

Discussion included:

- changing the word citizen to community member throughout the document
- adding work sessions under business meetings, defining meeting format, and schedule - Retreat topic
- Mayor and sole discretion regarding public comment - Retreat topic
- use of Robert's Rule, discussion of Mayor power - Retreat topic

Ms. Purce Braseth asked Committee members to email her with any additional suggestions for changes.

**The discussion was completed.**

**6.D**     [20-0734](#)     Review of Applications for the Community Representatives to the Police  
Use of Force Event Pool and Preparation for Interviews

Ms. Braseth noted 72 applications were received. One was not forwarded because it came in after the deadline. She reviewed the past practice of interviewing 2 applicants over the number of vacancies. In this case there are 6 positions, so typically 8 applicants would be interviewed. .

The Committee discussed interview dates and decided to hold both October 5 and 8 in case applicants aren't all available the same date. Following discussion the Committee agreed to invite the following applicants to interview:

#8 Stephanie J Browning  
#10 Reiko Callner  
#14 Garrett A Cooper  
#19 Barbara A Davis  
#28 Anna Held  
#29 Derrick C Hiebert  
#46 Kim Murillo  
#47 Sarah R Nagy  
#53 Tenecia Nicole Sadiq  
#61 Ashley A Storey  
#65 Tadeu F Velloso

The remaining applicants will be added to an outreach list to notify when upcoming racial justice, public safety and other relevant conversations are scheduled.

**The discussion was completed.**

## **7. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Staff reported as follows:

- General Government Committee October meeting, CDBG CARES Act funding update
- City Council October 20 Consent, advisory board appointment 1-year extended terms
- Police Auditor recruitment update
- BIPOC resolution follow-up with City Council October 20, community work group creation
- Councilmember appointment process if a seat is vacated after the election

Committee members commented and requested follow-up on:

- Asking the National Guard about using the Armory as a day warming center
- Poet Laureate program low applicant pool update

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.