



Meeting Minutes

Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501
Information: 360.753.8244

Thursday, February 11, 2021

5:30 PM

Online and via phone

Attend: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-N008L-PQlugsJYaexCPtg

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.A [21-0154](#) Presentation and Discussion of Policies and Laws Impacting Olympia's Municipal Criminal Justice System

City Attorney Mark Barber discussed State and federal laws, as well as City policies governing Olympia's Criminal Justice System. He stated the City can take actions to improve the Criminal Justice System but must stay in accordance with State and federal laws.

The information was provided.

5.B [21-0160](#) Presentation and Discussion of Olympia's Municipal Criminal Justice System

The presentation was given by Assistant City Manager Debbie Sullivan, Deputy Police Chief Sam Costello, Jail Lieutenant Ren Emerson, Acting Chief Prosecutor Tye Graham, Public Defender Diana Duch, Court Administrator Maryam Olson, Thurston County Public Defense Director Patrick O'Connor, and Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney Jon Tunheim.

The presenters provided an overview on the various components of Olympia's Municipal Criminal Justice System; Police, Prosecution, Public Defense, and Court. Each presenter discussed their area of the justice system including their legal authority;

programs; budget and staffing levels; mission; who they work closely with; areas of discretion in their jobs; efforts taken to reduce inequities, bias, and racial injustice; and opportunities to ensure an equitable and just system. Thurston County staff discussed the County system and shared information on their diversion programs.

The discussion was completed.

6. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Strategic Planning & Performance Manager Stacey Ray gave an update on the Re-Imagining Public Safety Public Engagement project.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.