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City Council

Approval of an Amendment to the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety Charter to Extend the Committee Timeline

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Approve an amendment to the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety Charter to extend the committee timeline.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve an amendment to the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety Charter to extend the committee timeline through the end of the public engagement process for reimaging public safety.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - consent calendar

Background and Analysis:

The City Council established an Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety in September 2020. Mayor Selby and Councilmembers Gilman and Parsley sit on the Committee with Councilmember Parsley serving as Chair.

The purpose of the Committee is to develop a greater understanding of the current public safety system (policing, courts, jail, etc.) and consider recommendations to Council on policy and budget options that will reduce inequities, eliminate bias, and create a public system that works for all. The Committee is also guiding the public engagement process on Reimagining Public Safety.

The original Charter stated the Ad Hoc Committee would sunset in August 2021. However, the public engagement process is tentatively scheduled to end during the first quarter of 2022. This amendment extends the timeline through the end of the Reimagining Public Safety process.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The City is launching a community-wide public engagement process to reimagine public safety in 2021.

Options:

1. Approve the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety Amended Charter.
2. Approve the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety Amended Charter based on comments provided by Council.
3. Do not approve the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety Amended Charter and request the Committee consider another approach.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to amending the Charter.

Attachments:

Amended Charter