

# **Public Safety & Community Health Committee**

## ***Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2021***

Call to Order: 1:16 PM

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### **Attendance:**

**PSCHC Members Present:** CM Kinnear; CP Beggs; CM Mumm; CM Stratton; CM Burke (arrived at 1:48 PM); CM Cathcart; and CM Wilkerson.

**Staff/Others Present:** City Administrator Johnnie Perkins, Mike Piccolo, Eric Finch, George Dahl, Justin Lundgren, Eric Olsen, Michael McNab, Jacqui MacConnell, Brian Schaeffer, Marlene Feist, Jay Atwood, Carly Cortright, Jerrall Haynes, Michael Diamond, Patrick Striker, Erik Poulsen, Brian McClatchey, Giacobbe Byrd, and Hannahlee Allers.

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**Approval of November 1, 2021 minutes:** Motion to approve by CM Wilkerson; M/S by CM Stratton. The committee approved the minutes from the November 1, 2021 PSCHC meeting unanimously.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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#### **Monthly Reports:**

1. OPO Monthly Update – October 2021
2. Photo Red Update (SPD)
3. December Strategic Initiatives Report (SPD)
4. 2021 3Q Forfeiture Proceeds and Expenditure Report (SPD)

#### **Consent Agenda Portion:**

1. Photo Speed Expansion (SPD)
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### **STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

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#### **Strategic Priority: Integrated 911/Dispatch**

NONE

#### **Strategic Priority: Integrated Response**

NONE

#### **Strategic Priority: Criminal Justice Reform**

NONE

#### **Strategic Priority: City-Wide Clean & Safe**

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

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### **Staff Requests:**

#### **Agreement with SREC for CAD and IT Reimbursement – Jay Atwood (10 minutes)**

Assistant Chief Jay Atwood briefed Council on this interlocal agreement (ILA) tied to SREC to be able to recover their share of the costs for technology related items. This ILA essentially splits the cost between SFD and SREC based on call volume. These costs will be billed on an annual basis moving forward.

#### **Contract Renewals with SNAP for Essential Repair and Single-Family Rehabilitation Programs – George Dahl (15 minutes)**

George Dahl briefed Council on the proposal to renew contracts with SNAP for 2022 for the Single-Family Rehab and Essential Repair programs. These programs help out low-income homeowners with both large-scale repair and smaller scale projects. CM Wilkerson asked what other providers in Spokane provide these services. Mr. Dahl said that there are others that offer services within this portfolio but that this is the largest offering of this sort for homeowners.

#### **Update on Office of Civil Rights – Jerrall Haynes & Carly Cortright (15 minutes)**

Jerrall Haynes updated Council on the Office of Civil Rights and his positions in particular. He shared that his priority objective is to partner with community stakeholders to develop a new plan that outlines and Office of Civil Rights. Mr. Haynes talked about the importance of reviewing and reflecting on historical context and existing stakeholder engagement and feedback in this work. Mr. Haynes shared a potential office framework, timeline, and stakeholder engagement progress and goals with Council. Mr. Haynes stressed the importance of partnering with other Cities to better understand best practices in this work. Mr. Haynes finished his presentation by sharing his guiding principles of equity, community-centeredness, inclusion, innovation, trust, and collaboration. CM Wilkerson asked how Mr. Haynes envisions enforcement of some of these issues on the administrative side. Mr. Haynes said that administration has been incredibly supportive, positive, and responsive to this work. CM Cathcart said that his understanding of this position is that it would be more educational than about enforcement and asked what Mr. Haynes' vision for this position is. Mr. Haynes said that right now it has to be a good balance of both. He said there will need to be a huge focus on education as well as an internal facing role. CM Cathcart asked how Mr. Haynes would measure progress or success over the next year. Mr. Haynes said that impact of educational efforts would be a primary indicator of success. CP Beggs gave some historical context on the creation of this office and this position and asked Mr. Haynes to return sometime in the first quarter to give Council a timeline for when citizens can come to his office and submit a complaint and the matter will be investigated and enforced in a timely matter.

#### **Extension of Interlocal Agreement with Spokane County Treasurer for Processing Payments of Utility Bills – Marlene Feist (5 minutes)**

CP Beggs' motion to refer this item to the consent agenda seconded by CM Mumm and approved unanimously.

#### **Absolute Drug Testing (ADT) Contract Extension for Drug Testing –Michael Diamond (5 minutes)**

CP Beggs' motion to refer this item to the consent agenda seconded by CM Mumm and approved unanimously.

**Approval of Contract Amendments for Special Counsel Contracts –Mike Piccolo (5 minutes)**

CP Beggs’ motion to refer this item to the consent agenda seconded by CM Mumm and approved unanimously.

**Council Requests:**

**C.O.P.S. Update – Patrick Striker (15 minutes)**

Patrick Striker updated Council on what C.O.P.S. has been working on in the last few months. Mr. Striker shared some statistics and anecdotal data on crime prevention and volunteer efforts. Mr. Striker introduced the C.O.P.S crime victim advocates who shared their experience working with community members who have been a victim of a crime. The crime victim advocates also talked about their educational efforts. CM Stratton thanked the C.O.P.S team for all their work. CM Wilkerson asked if they’ve looked at expansion capacity – especially for graffiti abatement in the neighborhoods. Mr. Striker said he would love to have a conversation about capacity for that work.

**CHHS Update – Eric Finch (10 minutes)**

Eric Finch gave Council an NHHS/CHHS status summary, which included four staff being hired, a CHHS Director candidate being brought forth for Council consideration, shelter surge capacity progress, and other achievements. Mr. Finch updated Council on their progress in their four main lines of effort – including operations goals, training and team building, policy and planning, and communication. Mr. Finch lauded the team’s progress in all of these areas. CM Wilkerson said she struggles with the talk of a regional approach. She asked who makes regional decisions in this realm. Mr. Finch said it is still all of us who are responsible for being a part of those conversations. CM Mumm said that at this point we need a strategic plan and business cases to have community conversations and make smart funding decisions moving forward. CM Kinnear echoed CM Mumm’s sentiments. Mr. Finch shared updates on shelter capacity planning and draft recommendations for actions. CM Cathcart commented that the Health District had issues with the state of disrepair for hotel/motel solutions.

**State Legislative Update:**

NONE

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**ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS:**

NONE

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**Action Items:** NONE

**Executive Session:** NONE

**Adjournment:** CM Kinnear adjourned the meeting at 2:16 PM. The next PSCHC meeting will be held Monday, January 10, 2021.

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**Respectfully submitted by:**

Giacobbe Byrd, Legislative Aide to Council Member Lori Kinnear (PSCHC Chair)

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**Committee Chair Approval**  
**Lori Kinnear Spokane City Council – District 2**