


Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:

07/10/2023

Date Rec'd

6/28/2023

Clerk's File #

RES 2023-0054

Renews #**Submitting Dept**

CITY COUNCIL

Cross Ref #**Contact Name/Phone**

BREEAN BEGGS X6254

Project #**Contact E-Mail**

BBEGGS@SPOKANECITY.ORG

Bid #**Agenda Item Type**

Resolutions

Requisition #**Agenda Item Name**

0320 -ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda Wording

A resolution establishing the Municipal Criminal Justice Coordinating Subcommittee of the Public Safety and Community Health Committee.

Summary (Background)

The highest priority of the City of Spokane is to ensure public safety of citizens and visitors, while stewarding taxpayers dollars and criminal justice resources to improve safety, justice and equity through best practices. Effective improvements require the collaboration and coordination of various systems. National and local criminal justice experts endorse coordinating committees as a best practice for jurisdictions to improve public safety.

Lease? NO

Grant related? NO

Public Works? NO

Fiscal Impact**Budget Account**

Neutral \$

#

Select \$

#

Select \$

#

Select \$

#

Approvals**Council Notifications****Dept Head**

BYRD, GIACOBBE

Study Session\Other

PIES 06/26/2023

Division Director**Council Sponsor**

CP Beggs & CM Zappone

Finance**Distribution List****Legal**

cwright@spokanecity.org

For the Mayor

vramos@spokanecity.org

Additional Approvals

gbyrd@spokanecity.org

Purchasing

Adopted by Spokane City Council
on: 7/10/2023

Committee Agenda Sheet

Urban Experience Committee

Submitting Department	City Council
Contact Name	Chris Wright
Contact Email & Phone	cwright@spokanecity.org , ex 6210
Council Sponsor(s)	Beggs
Select Agenda Item Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Time Requested: 10
Agenda Item Name	Municipal Law & Justice Coordinating Subcommittee
Summary (Background) *use the Fiscal Impact box below for relevant financial information	Maggie Yates will be presenting a report and recommendation that the City of Spokane establish a Criminal Justice Coordinating Subcommittee designed to engage in strategic, collaborative public safety planning. This subcommittee will be parallel to the previous subcommittees established in the areas of sustainability, housing & homelessness, and equity and inclusion.
Proposed Council Action	Discussion Only
Fiscal Impact Total Cost: Click or tap here to enter text. Approved in current year budget? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Funding Source <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring Specify funding source: Click or tap here to enter text. Expense Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring Other budget impacts: (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)	
Operations Impacts (If N/A, please give a brief description as to why)	
What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities? The proposal recommends that an inclusive and diverse membership is essential for effective, equitable policymaking.	
How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level, disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities? Strategic planning will begin when committee membership is finalized.	
How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy or product to ensure it is the right solution?	
Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others? The CJCC model is endorsed by national experts as a mechanism to harness efforts aimed at improving outcomes, efficiency, and equity across the criminal justice system.	

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-0054

A resolution establishing the Municipal Criminal Justice Coordinating Subcommittee of the Public Safety and Community Health Committee.

WHEREAS, the highest priority of the City of Spokane is to ensure the public safety of its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane's invests substantial public resources into the City's criminal justice system, including the City Prosecutor's Office, the City Public Defender's Office, Municipal Court, and Municipal Probation; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane City Council is committed to stewarding taxpayer dollars and criminal justice resources to improve safety, justice, and equity through the implementation of best practices and innovative solutions; and

WHEREAS, this commitment is evidenced by Resolution 2020-0054, adopted by the City Council on August 17, 2020 and setting forth guiding principles to inform the City's role in the regional criminal justice system, which include a commitment to use data-driven and evidence-based reforms with the goal of reducing crime, decreasing the use of taxpayer dollars and increasing community safety; and

WHEREAS, effective improvements to the criminal justice system require the collaboration and coordination of various City Departments, branches of government, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, national and local criminal justice experts endorse criminal justice coordinating committees as a best practice for jurisdictions working to improve public safety, manage limited resources, and improve outcomes and equity across the local justice system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has the authority to create ad hoc committees or subcommittees for a designated term or for a specific task by City Council resolution, under City Council Rule of Procedure 6.4; and

WHEREAS, Council Rule 6.4 also provides that the resolution which creates the ad hoc committee can set forth matters of committee business such as the appointment process and qualifications for membership, the number of members, and the deadline for any resulting reports of the ad hoc committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the purpose of the Municipal Criminal Justice Coordinating Subcommittee is to serve as independent advisory council to inform the City Council, the Mayor, and significant partners of the City of Spokane in the criminal justice system as to the best methods for ensuring the efficient, equitable, and effective administration of the local criminal justice system through communication, collaboration and data-driven strategic planning.

Section 1. Subcommittee Established. Pursuant to Section 6.4 of the City Council's Rules of Procedure, the City Council hereby establishes the Municipal Criminal Justice Coordinating Subcommittee ("MCJCS") of the Public Safety and Community Health Committee.

Section 2. Purpose. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Subcommittee ("MCJCS") shall be established as an independent advisory committee of systems professionals and community members for the purpose of ensuring the efficient, equitable, and effective administration of the local criminal justice system by increasing communication, collaboration, and data-driven, strategic planning.

Section 3. Membership and Governance. The MCJCS shall be comprised of twenty voting members, as follows:

- A. Ten ex officio members, including the Spokane Police Chief, the Presiding Judge of Municipal Court, the Municipal Court Clerk, the City Director of Probation, the City Prosecutor, the City Public Defender, the City Administrator, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and the City Fire Chief.
- B. Ten members appointed by the City Council in consultation with the City Council's Equity Subcommittee, representing the following areas of expertise: 1) public health, 2) business, 3) victim's advocates, 4) behavioral health providers, 5) housing and homelessness services, 6) the disability community, 7) racial equity, 8) justice-involved, 9) youth and 10) the faith community. Appointed members shall serve staggered four-year terms.
- C. An Executive Workgroup of five members, consisting of the Subcommittee Chair and Vice-Chair and at least two community members not employed by the City of Spokane shall draft agendas, oversee other workgroups and monitor the progress of the MCJCS.
- D. Proxies are not permitted.

Section 5. Duties. The MCJCS shall conduct ongoing, comprehensive assessments of the City's criminal justice system to identify opportunities for

intervention and innovation designed to improve outcomes, leverage limited resources, enhance safety, and address racial and ethnic disparities. The MCJCS shall:

- A. Promote and support collaboration and the coordination of municipal justice system resources;
- B. Identify funding opportunities and support efforts to secure grants and other resources;
- C. Make recommendations regarding operations, procedure, and programming to improve public safety, justice, and equity in the City of Spokane;
- D. Advise the Public Safety Committee, the City Council and other agencies, departments, and actors engaged in relevant policy and programs;
- E. Collect and review data to inform recommendations, develop performance measures, and evaluate policies and programs; and
- F. Make recommendations to improve data collection and data sharing across criminal justice partners; and
- G. Report to the City Council and the Mayor on annual basis in September of each year on the status and progress of the goals and objectives identified by the MCJCS; and.
- H. To perform such other tasks as may be assigned to it by the City Council, including, but not limited to, evaluation of proposed legislation by the City Council relating to municipal criminal justice initiatives, reforms, and funding.

Section 5. Support. City Council will provide necessary staffing and administrative support for MCJCS operations.


Section 6. By-laws and Meetings. The MCJCS will select officers and workgroup members, and adopt by-laws to conduct its business. By-laws shall include, but not be limited to: quorum, meetings, minutes and agendas, and the establishment of workgroups. The MCJCS shall meet no fewer than four times per year. All meetings shall be in compliance with the state Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30).

Section 7. Data Sharing Agreement. The MCJCS shall execute a data sharing agreement (DSA) among its members to share information lawfully and securely in a manner that will enhance strategic problem solving. The DSA shall include procedures for confidential data-sharing that are consistent with the state Public Records Act (RCW 42.56).

Section 8. Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 6.4 of the City Council's Rules of Procedure, the appointed members of the MCJCS shall be appointed by the City Council by motion. The City Council shall endeavor to approve its initial appointments no later than October 2, 2023. The MCJCS shall commence meetings no later than November 3, 2023.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings of City Council subcommittees shall be audio recorded, including the meetings of their Steering or Executive groups, and any presentation materials shall be made publicly available as soon as practicable. Meetings of subcommittee workgroups are not required to be recorded.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 10 day of July, 2023.



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Assistant City Attorney

