



Public Safety, Courts and Civil Service Committee

June 8, 2023

Members Present Danielle Jurinsky, Chair
 Dustin Zvonek, Vice Chair
 Steve Sundberg, Council Member

Others Present J. Batchelor, A. Botham, Y. Emeson, M. Brown, A. Acevedo, M. Platt,
 S. Griffin, B. Jackson, M. Crawford, T. Graham, S. Pendleton, M. Cain,
 M. Wasserburger, W. Lippman, M. Hays, A. Robnett, J. Sones, R.
 Weber, M. Chapman, C. Atkinson, S. Day, J. Heckman, J. Schneebeck,
 K. Stafford, C. Bennett, A. Garcia, T. Buneta, K. Leyba, S. Newman, J.
 DeHerrera, A. Wright, M. Wells-Longshore, J. Prosser, D. Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:00.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

June 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes approved.

3. **Consent Items**

3.a **Police Attrition Update**

3.b **Aurora Fire Rescue Attrition Update**

3.c **Aurora911 Staffing Update for June 2023**

3.d **Special Operations Crime Suppression Update**

3.e **Motor Vehicle Theft Recovery Voucher Program Update**

None discussed.

4. **General Business**

4.a **Detention Inmate Intake Wait Time and Case Management Updates**

Candace Atkinson presented the Detention Inmate Intake Wait Time and Case Management Update. She followed up on concerns that were raised previously, stating that they reviewed their records back to February and found no instance where anything took more than 18 minutes due to detention staff. They implemented a new logging system for better tracking. They were also

collaborating with the police department to improve their drop-off procedure. This included changes to the handoff process for detainees' personal belongings, which the police department would now log, bag, and lock. These changes aimed to improve the overall system and would be monitored by supervisors who have to sign off on it every shift. Furthermore, they were continuously working with the police department to make improvements. Atkinson also mentioned that this information, including the wait times, should be in the recipient's packet.

Committee Discussion:

CM Jurinsky: So that just seems very subjective to me, and I had really wanted a collaborative effort between the jail and PD because I don't necessarily feel like it's the wait time of the detention center. There are problems in this entire system.

C. Atkinson: Yes.

CM Jurinsky: -- and I think a part of it is the reports that are required to be filled out by the police officers. And we can say there's not been a wait longer than 18 minutes due to a detention, due to the detention workers. I have sat in that jail and started asking officers after an hour, why are you still here? So --

C. Atkinson: Well, we, I mean, we met with -- and we're going to meet again, so we met with the police department, we discussed it, and we are looking at both sides, and we're going to meet again on just this specific issue.

CM Zvonek: Question.

CM Jurinsky: Yeah.

CM Zvonek: So I think what Council Member Jurinsky is looking for, I think what we're all looking for, is not just that -- this isn't about pointing out that you're doing something wrong, it's like, what are the challenges and how do we fix it? And we're not going to fix it unless we know what all of the potential choke points are, and it's not a blame game, it's not pointing fingers, it's a what are the challenges? Who can be responsible for helping overcome those, and how do we streamline it so that we can come to a better outcome?

That's what I think is more important than just knowing what the wait times are or not. I mean, ultimately, that's the outcome we want. But I think that the collaborative process that she's referring to is the understanding where all the choke points are, and I think knowing and hearing that from people who are actually doing it, which would be the officers, dropping them off, saying, here are the things that I run into, and some of them might be detention and some of them might not be. But we need to know the full scope of what is causing the lag time to drop somebody off and how can we fix it?

C. Atkinson: Yeah.

CM Jurinsky: Yeah, I mean, I think that's one of the biggest things that I hear and Pete couldn't be here today, but I talked to him a little bit about it, and it's also unfortunate that the Police Chief isn't here either.

Female Speaker 1: He's right out in the hallway on the phone.

CM Jurinsky: Okay. Well, what I'm hearing is that there's something -- it's like a how the officers have to do their reports and this rule that they cannot leave the jail until the report is completely filled out, like that's something that can be changed on the police side. So I think that needs to be looked at. I think property intake needs to be looked at, and then detention staff. I think there's a lot of pieces.

C. Atkinson: Yeah. And those are all things that we talked about as a group, but we want to -- because we have that online bonds and we have the policies and procedures, so we're working towards all of that, and we just want to make sure that we get everything in place on both sides. But I think, I mean, I just wanted you to know that we're aware of it, we're giving it attention, and we're working with the police department to fix it.

CM Jurinsky: Yes. Well, if the detention workers are now having to do this, please express that this isn't because any of us ever thought that this problem was solely on them.

C. Atkinson: Yes.

CM Jurinsky: I've never thought that. Do you have anything? Okay. So I would just really like to see you, Art, you sit down and hash this out. That's what I would like to see.

C. Atkinson: Yes.

CM Jurinsky: And if Pete needs to be involved in that, too, or whatever these reporting requirements are that include him.

C. Atkinson: Okay. And then the only other thing I wanted to let you know while I had the floor is that we've started scanning into our court system. So we've started working towards the little steps to become paperless. So we're scanning in summonses now, and after we get that down, we'll move on to motions, and we're also updating docketing due to some changes in legislation that will kind of help us move forward with that. So I just wanted you to know that we're making progress and hope our goal is to have our traffic paperless by the end of this year.

CM Jurinsky: That would be great. Has any talks about property started and how the jail can start storing --

C. Atkinson: Yes. When we met with the police department, we did talk about that and exploring that, and I think right now we're not -- I mean, I was told that -- and the chief maybe should answer a little bit more, that this is not necessary at this

time to look at storing property in our jail, but that we would continue to explore it and see what is needed. So we are meeting quarterly as a group, but also a little bit more often to kind of work through some of these things.

CM Jurinsky: Okay. I think it was made pretty clear. So Council Member Zvonek and I -- property needs to start being stored in the jail. We went on the property tour with the police department. So I don't know if there's conflicting information there, but that was made pretty clear to us. So if that needs to happen, if we need to put in shelves or whatever in some part of the jail, we just need to be told what is needed. If that is a need. We were made clear that it was.

A. Acevedo: I apologize, but -- some -- issues and I could just say from my perspective that we've got to look for efficiencies. Scott and his team were working really close to try to roll out efficiencies. And it is just not efficient, especially on a time, when we have such staffing challenges to get our police officers back out on the road. And, quite honestly, my experience has been that we -- unless it's something that's huge, right, we normally would --. It's just a best practice --

CM Jurinsky: Property into the jail?

Male Speaker 1: Yes, ma'am.

CM Jurinsky: Right.

A. Acevedo: Yes. And then one of the things that historically what we've done, if we have property, we inventory it on a sheet. We put it into a plastic bag. We actually seal that bag. And then we put the inventory sheet on another part of the bag and that gets sealed. And then we're responsible for it unless it gets torn open before -- back. So there's not two inventories -- officers sit in there, and --

CM Jurinsky: Yeah. I think the other thing too, and I may have missed this, but I think the other thing too, is that there's a piece in the reporting requirements for officers.

A. Acevedo: Well, my understanding is that we have -- our officers are required to complete all other reports before they --

CM Jurinsky: But that doesn't have to be the requirement.

A. Acevedo: No, I would say that the best practice is to put -- for the jail, and I would say that a PC affidavit would actually be something. So the PC affidavit, we can hold the individual for 48 hours, right? So that would help the judges because they get to make a ruling based on that PC affidavit, if there's a need for an arraignment -- random judge or not, and then it's our responsibility to make sure that our employees and our officers complete the report in a timely manner. They're going to be instances where the DA won't need that much or the prosecutor to take charges. I think, an example would be, I hate to bring it up, but the Aurora shooting, mass shooting, I guarantee you those reports were not written immediately. Just

enough information was provided for charges and for someone to be held over, and then -- because that kind of investigation just takes weeks and even months to --

CM Jurinsky: Yeah. So I'm just, basically, given the direction for you, Candace, Jason and possibly Pete to get together and hash this out, and I do plan on very soon going back to the jail and sitting and watching.

A. Acevedo: We went the other day; I think the other personnel were actually -- got a good team that I think -- I don't know how you're here.

CM Jurinsky: --

A. Acevedo: I went to JJ's last night and I couldn't believe how you manage that crowd.

J. Batchelor: It was not a service call?

A. Acevedo: No.

CM Jurinsky: --

A. Acevedo: No --

CM Jurinsky: All of sudden I hear, ma'am.

A. Acevedo: It was an off duty --

CM Jurinsky: -- what are you doing? Get out the way.

A. Acevedo: And the best part was it was as diverse as we would expect in both --

CM Jurinsky: Ongoing -- classes at JJ's, ongoing, ongoing.

CM Jurinsky: Real world.

A. Acevedo: -- that's for sure.

CM Jurinsky: It was crazy. I don't think we have anything else for this item.

Outcome:

Information Only.

Follow-up Action:

None.

4.b Public Safety Action Plan Update

Jason Batchelor presented an update on staffing, a topic he and the Chief had been closely considering. They continued to monitor not just the academy but also field operations, having implemented 12-hour shifts for patrol a few months prior. They felt they were far enough into this new schedule to begin evaluating its effectiveness. Batchelor mentioned the ongoing discussions about how this shift pattern was functioning. He referred to the academy recruit numbers and a list of the ongoing training activities, both of which were available to the audience.

Committee Discussion:

CM Jurinsky: So I do. I do have one thing. I was going to wait until miscellaneous items, but with these 12 hour shifts, I know that I've mentioned this also before for our police officers, but we have got to find a way to start issuing their subpoenas to court for a 1:30 court time instead of an 8:00 a.m. court time. This is literally destroying some of them when they've worked a 12 hour shift and they get off at 6:00 a.m., they're subpoenaed back to court at 8:00 a.m. or they work the grave shift or they work the swing shift, the 8:00 a.m. subpoena time, so if there is a case that involves any Aurora police officer. They need to be at the 1:30 court time and that 1:30 court time works for every single shift that that has to be changed with these 12 hour shifts because I've talked to some of them that have now been up for 24 hours because they were subpoenaed to court at 8:00 a.m. after getting off a grave shift and sat in court for three hours to be dismissed.

J. Batchelor: Okay. We'll add that.

A. Acevedo: Thinking if we all got together, we could probably figure something out for a system, I'm not familiar enough yet with the system, but in the past, I've had [inaudible 0:18:44] the defendant would come in like on a Monday for a jury trial later on in the afternoon, and the officers would be required to show up and answer their phones. Right? So, I think we -- but I think I'll defer to the judge and figure it out, and the prosecutor --

S. Day: -- trials to start at 8:00 every Tuesday and Thursday. So as to the prosecution needs and when they need them to the prosecution, but typically, the arresting officer, once the trial starts, is part of that process from 9:00 on. So, it's an officer that just come -- is coming off of shift, a 12 hour shift, we have go up to the prosecution as to when that officer reports. But the trials are docketed at 8:00 start. I mean, we have trials that even with an 8:00 start time are going until 9:00, 10:00 at night.

CM Jurinsky: Well, and that's what's happening to our officers is they're being subpoenaed there at 8:00 a.m. and they're either sitting there for hours until they're dismissed or they're sitting there for 6 or 7 hours until they actually testify, and then they're expected to go back for another 12 hour shifts, and I have had several cops tell me now that they have been up for 24 hours straight because of this court process. So we have to figure out a way, if trial starts at 8:00 and there's any APD officer involved in it, prosecution needs to -- this can't just be open ended. The

police officers will show up. But it needs -- like they need to be given a window from between 1:00 and 2:00. The prosecutors can control that. They can control when they're going to call their witnesses. That's a fact. So we just can't -- this cannot keep happening to our officers. I've heard too many now telling me that they're pulling 24 hours.

A. Acevedo: I think we're better off just reading and seeing how we're going to fix that.

CM Jurinsky: Yes.

J. Batchelor: Next one is item two, then is crime stats. So you have both in this packet. And then for Council, the Chief sent out the more in depth statistics. In general, year to date, crime continues to be down across the board with the two exceptions of commercial burglaries and shoplifting. And so those are two areas that PD are continuing to look into. So those are the numbers that you all have. Any questions for those? Okay. Item three is youth violence. And so, Joseph, anything to add in addition to the materials you've provided?

J. DeHerrera: Thank you, sir. No, I think just continue to updates on community events for youth violence prevention. And then our NOFO update, of course, will be coming to Council on Monday for the final approval on those, along with the agencies, they will be there as well to ask questions. If there's any questions on programing, a case management services should be starting a meeting with the agency next week to really iron out the final start date or the official start date for the case manager. And then our focus deterrence work. I'm not sure if -- I don't think Chief Hildebrand is here. We had our Council Members appointed on Monday, so thank you for that. We're excited for that governing board, all the subcommittees, everything. We're full steam ahead for our July launch for that work. So, other than that, I think that's all I've got on my side.

J. Batchelor: Item four is our Crisis Response Team. So go ahead.

T. Graham: -- the only update we have is that UC Health made an offer yesterday, the day before, for our last clinician spot for that second -- Team. So, waiting to see if she will accept that. Once she does, she'll start training for office --

J. Batchelor: Yeah. And you see also there's the terms of the overall calls for service in terms of the numbers. So, continuing to be a high utilization unit. We are continuing to work with Tina and her shop as to how to potentially direct dispatch our -- units, but those are ongoing conversations. And then section five is homeless encampments. And so Jessica -- I don't think --

J. Prosser: Not much more than what's on here, just kind of a busy May, 40 Abatements. We had a new staff member start two weeks ago, and so he will be working alongside Bryce. This provides the ability to have two people out in the community -- two people available for kind of overseeing the abatement process. And we had 25 people go to pallets in May. And based on the Study Session we

had on May 15th, looking at additional capacity and options for moving people out of the longer term pallets in order to free up more short term pallets. So more to come on that, but looking into that, and then we've also plussed up the -- contracts for an additional 50,000 based on that Study Session as well.

CM Sundberg: Are we happy with the programing the Salvation Army provides pallet homes?

J. Prosser: Yes. -- fantastic job and their case managers are really good. They hold people accountable. There's certain things people have to do every seven days that they're there. And I think they've been a really fantastic partner.

CM Zvonek: Have you heard anything from the state on the --

J. Prosser: So yesterday at 4:00 p.m., they released the request for application for the homeless navigation campus. So it's due July 17th. They have an informational piece next week. I was on the phone with State this morning about it. And so --

CM Zvonek: Do you know what the time, roughly what the timeline would look like?

J. Prosser: Well, we've been waiting six months for that --

CM Zvonek: Yes.

J. Prosser: -- application to come out since the LOI. So hopefully quickly, I think they understand we now need to really get ARPA money spent. We're kind of pushing up against some of those obligation deadlines. So I'm hopeful, since they're familiar with the project, it'll pretty be quickly but --

CM Zvonek: Does the plan still need to -- they discussed splitting the grant at two locations, is that still the plan?

J. Prosser: So the legislation that was passed allows --

CM Zvonek: Yeah.

J. Prosser: -- is what the legislation says. So I have a feeling they're probably going to do three, if I had to guess, but two larger ones, hopefully including ours, and then one smaller one. There was six LOI submitted total.

CM Zvonek: Okay.

J. Batchelor: So that's it, in terms of regular agenda items.

Outcome:

Information Only.

Follow-up Action:

None.

5. **Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration**

J. Batchelor: If you're okay on the miscellaneous, I was just going to go around real quick to just the principals to see if -- since we're doing okay on time, just to see if anybody has updates.

CM Jurinsky: I was going to call on fire, so.

J. Batchelor: Go ahead. All right. --

CM Jurinsky: You can go around --

J. Batchelor: No. So I'll just -- we'll start with fire since that's where you were going to go.

CM Jurinsky: Yeah.

J. Batchelor: So, Chief, any fire updates?

A. Robnett: We're getting ready to swear in our lateral class. We're really happy about that. We've launched the applications for Camp Spark, so that's going to be a big push, and we want to bring to you, I think in July a presentation on Camp Spark.

CM Jurinsky: Is that the one for kids?

A. Robnett: It's the one for young women. So, 14 to 18. Is it 14 to 18?

J. Batchelor: 12 to 18.

A. Robnett: 12 to 18.

CM Jurinsky: Okay.

A. Robnett: And we have a couple of graduates that we'd like to be --. What else do we have? We're getting ready -- we're organizing a promotional ceremony. We haven't done one in a little while, so that'll be at the end of next month. You'll receive notifications of that as well. Do you have anything?

A. Robnett: I'm starting a new entry level academy, the 17th of July, 25 people.

CM Jurinsky: 25?

A. Robnett: Yes, ma'am.

CM Jurinsky: So we're still fully staffed?

A. Robnett: We're three under now, I think, just because of attrition since we started.

CM Jurinsky: Right.

A. Robnett: So, we should be [inaudible 0:27:37] but then we have the lateral Academy coming out.

CM Jurinsky: And how -- that?

A. Robnett: There's four.

CM Jurinsky: Okay.

J. Batchelor: -- and I always hate to put them on the spot, but we're less than a month out from our favorite time of the year. So fireworks are going to be allowed given the conditions. Sales of fireworks going to be allowed. As usual, anything that leaves the ground is illegal. And so we are working with police and fire to stand up our response. It remains a challenge -- we'll keep you guys updated via email as we stand that up. So put that on your radar.

A. Robnett: Anything that leaves the ground or goes boom.

J. Batchelor: Yeah.

CM Jurinsky: Don't they all go boom except sparklers?

A. Robnett: Sparklers.

A. Robnett: -- don't give sparklers to kids. It's very dangerous.

CM Jurinsky: You're going to get a lot of calls from the dog owners in this city upset about their dogs.

J. Batchelor: Yeah. So.

CM Jurinsky: Right. Anybody else?

J. Batchelor: That's it for fire? -- Megan, go ahead.

M. Platt: Pete wanted me to bring forward a proposal, and we don't have the actual ordinance finalized yet for a police reserve addition to the code that was previously removed when the code was updated in 2005, and we want to propose bringing back that program for reserve police officers. Once it's completed, he was hoping to go straight to the July Study Session with that. Obviously questions or anything prior to that time, he'd

be happy to answer, but the draft just wasn't quite completed yet, but he wanted to be able to move it forward quickly for the July 10th Study Session, I believe.

CM Zvonek: So what happened --

CM Jurinsky: What is the Reserve Program?

M. Platt: So, previously, the police department had reserve officers that are post certified that are maybe retired or other abilities to kind of assist the police department. We do have staffing challenges right now. Our code just doesn't allow for that programming right now because of the fact that it was removed when the code was cleaned up in 2005. This ordinance would then authorize us to stand up another program, and then, also allow us to have some certified, post certified medics in the reserve program and other persons that could carry weapons for their own personal protection and things like that, if we just update the code to allow for that program to exist again.

J. Batchelor: We'll get you more details on that [inaudible 0:29:59] but just timing question, you're okay with it? We'll get you all the details and then if you don't have any questions, the plan was to go to the July --

M. Platt: July 10th Study Session.

CM Jurinsky: Yeah, -- Yeah, we're good with that.

J. Batchelor: And then to Doug at public defender's office.

D. Wilson: Yeah. 53 days from today, I'm retiring, so, and so there's a new Chief that's been appointed. Elizabeth -- from my office. I hope to bring her to the next Public Safety meeting and introduce -- but, yeah, it's been an interesting three and a half years and I'll miss some of it, not all of it, but it's been great. I'm going to head off to Florida, actually, and play a bunch of golf. It's my hopes. So I'll be gone August 1st.

J. Batchelor: Candace. Anything else on the court?

C. Atkinson: No.

J. Batchelor: Jessica? Julie?

J. Heckman: No.

J. Batchelor: Is Matt around? There you are, Matt.

M. Cain: -- already touched on the academy in July, working to get the last applicants through for that. I think there's 26 entry level still available, so obviously all might not be hired if the final number is going to be 21. But we're -- what that number looks like, so.

M. Cain: Yeah. 25.

J. Batchelor: We're not going to hold anybody to the record here.

J. Batchelor: Give or take where we're looking, I guess, so --

M. Cain: No, I took away the four laterals for the 21 number. So in any event, that's the type of math we're doing on a daily basis. And I know the commission appreciated the time with Council on Monday.

J. Batchelor: And that's -- so you've heard from all your principals. So that's all we've got for you, madam.

CM Jurinsky: Okay. Perfect. Well, Doug, we wish you well.

D. Wilson: Thank you.

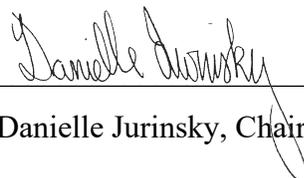
CM Jurinsky: Thank you for your announcement.

6. Confirm Next Meeting

Next meeting confirmed is July 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 9:33 AM.

APPROVED: 
Danielle Jurinsky, Chair