



## Public Safety, Courts and Civil Service Committee

August 10, 2023

### Members Present

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

### Others Present

J. Batchelor, P. Schulte, A. Botham, Y. Emeson, M. Brown, M. Coffman, S. Bauman, M. Hildebrand, C. Bennett, M. Platt, A. Coombs, M. Mocer, K. Tisdale, T. Joyce, M. Crawford, M. Cain, M. Wasserburger, W. Lippman, A. Robnett, M. Hays, M. Chapman, S. Day, J. Heckman, A. Acevedo, H. Morris, R. Pena, J. Lanigan, T. Graham, J. Schneebeck, M. Nelson, A. Garcia, S. Newman, L. Rehwalt, J. DeHerrera, A. Wright, E. Knight, J. Prosser, C. Tassin, E. Cadiz, M. Sears, C. Juul, T. McCray, C. Atkinson, D. Small

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

July 13, 2023 minutes were approved.

### 3. Consent Items

#### 3.a Police Attrition Update

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

#### 3.c Aurora911 Staffing Update for August 2023

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

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

#### 3.f Resolution to Approve Douglas County Dept of Human Services – Aurora Police Department MOU

All six items to move forward.

### 4. General Business

#### 4.a For an Ordinance Addressing the Enforcement Provisions for Trailers, Semi-Trailers, and RVs

J. Batchelor stated Denver amended ordinances pertaining to the regulation and enforcement or parking vehicles on the streets and the mayor was afraid that might have ripple impacts into Aurora. He said they reviewed all ordinances associated and some changes would be authorizing the impoundment of any unlawful vehicles

parking on public right of way for more than 24 hours, weight limit for semi-trailers, trailers, and commercial vehicles more than 22 feet in length would be 6000 pounds, and recreational vehicles could be parking on public right of way for no more than 24 hours for a seven-day period.

Mayor Coffman was concerned of migration over to the city of Aurora if they did not also make similar changes. He thanked the staff for working on it.

The Chief said they would mark and tag a vehicle and would be able to tell if it was moved. S. Bauman added that they take a photo of the car and GPS mark it.

CM Jurinsky: Just like expired tags? Stuff like that? Expired tags, is that what makes it an unlawful vehicle or --

S. Bauman stated legally inoperable was considered expired license plates or apparently inoperable due to condition of the vehicle.

CM Jurinsky: Perfect. I think we will move it forward.

Outcome:

Information Only.

Follow-up Action:

Moved to study session.

#### **4.b Public Safety Action Plan Update**

J. Batchelor provided updates on the Public Safety Action Plan.

##### **Crime Reduction and Staffing**

J. Batchelor said the patrol units continued to be taxed and significantly impacted.

Chief Acevedo stated they were hiring and recruiting. He said they hired Sarah with 70 plus position backgrounds. He added they were also going to continue with modified classes.

H. Morris added that people think they have lowered their standards because of the increase in academy. She stated that was not true.

J. Batchelor said there was a big department effort on the training piece.

CM Zvonek: Jason, quick question because you mentioned the consent decree. With the changes in place on the civil service, would they get in the next report a sufficient compliance notes from them on that? Are they happy with it?

J. Batchelor: I think, matter of fact, they are in town this week. They are meeting with Sarah I think later this week, as I just talked to Sarah yesterday. So, we anticipate that, but obviously after they talk to Sarah and kind of see this process, they'll let us know if they have questions or concerns. They present their -- they did a report on the promotional process. They reported that earlier this week at

Civil Service Commission, so we're anticipating that we'll be compliant on that requirement with the decree.

The Chief stated he would rather miss a deadline than cut it short.

### **Crime Rates**

J. Batchelor said crime continued to trend in the right direction. He stated things were down and continued to be down.

Chief Acevedo said the technology was going to be a huge crime fighting tool.

### **Youth Violence**

J. DeHerrera stated they had NNSC last week doing training on the ground, and it went very well. He said they had started identifying people to bring into the program and starting to work on their custom notifications. He said they had a press release for Aurora SAVE on Tuesday that was very well received.

Chief Hildebrand added the groundwork was set and had good media coverage. He stated it would be important to get the evaluation component to show the council and community that the money was being used and having a positive impact. Chief Hildebrand said they also received signification grant funding. He said they were putting in a process where patrol officers could get shell casings in faster.

CM Sundberg: Question regarding personnel as a possible support idea. Just yesterday, the first time I heard about the Colorado Rangers. It's a multijurisdictional POST certified law enforcement formed back in the late 1800s in Colorado. I think there's about 60 of them and they need to fulfill certain hours of volunteer time. Is it possible to plug someone like that into any position?

CM Jurinsky stated there were several cities that had partnered with the Rangers and who a lot of cities use for their Reserve Police Force.

### **Mental Health Programs**

C. Tassin stated they had a meeting with the walk-in center, and they started conversations about a more streamlined process in their crisis response and it was a very productive meeting. She said they were showing videos to the departments on how to better respond to mental health calls.

CM Zvonek: So, we've been able to maintain that full staffing on our clinicians?

C. Tassin: Yes.

CM Zvonek: That's great.

### **Homeless Cleanups**

Emma Knight said they were on par with the number of notifications they had been receiving. Her staff had been working hard to put people into pallets. She said she was in the process of hiring for a second abatement liaison.

CM Zvonek: The abatement -- the contractors, what is the current staffing on

that? Do we need more? Could we use more to actually to the abatement, yeah.

E. Knight: Yes, so our contractor is Keason. To my knowledge, they haven't talked to me about any staffing issues. We haven't had any issues with them not being able to come out and do an abatement.

J. Batchelor: We did do a couple things with them. So, they -- we expanded the number of days, like we added a day of the week we would do abatements on and then we did increase the amount of the contract that we were doing with Keason. So, we've expanded both the number of days of week that they'll do it and then we did expand the dollar amount.

E. Knight: That was based on the May 15th study session with council. We increased the amount. I think it was \$50,000 with them, and we hadn't completed their agreement yet for the next 12 months, so we were easily able to add that in.

## **5. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration**

CM Sundberg wanted to know about the implementation of eDiscovery.

J. Heckman said they were working on the digital evidence portion of eDiscovery. She said the case management system that was being built for the City Attorney's Office would help with the internal workflow. She said they were also working with the eDiscovery Axon as storage for the digital evidence.

CM Sundberg: Completion date in mind for it all to be implemented?

J. Heckman: So, we have started this week, Monday -- started sending out the discovery portion, the digital discovery portion, and when we get the case management system, which they are working on and I do not have a date, hopefully in the near future, then we're hoping to be able to send out the rest of the documents, that we would start being able to receive those electronically and also send those out.

CM Jurinsky: Can I get a quick update on the pilot program we're doing for the subpoenas, our police officers? Is that working?

J. Lanigan: I can update you on that. We have now got, I believe, about two months -- and I don't believe we've had any issues. I think Julie had just a couple more checkboxes she needed to do with -- with some of the victim advocates or the people on her side. I'm hoping that we can roll this out in the next week or two. I was going to loop in with her this after this meeting.

CM Jurinsky: How are we doing on the jail drop off?

J. Batchelor: So, a few different areas on that. I'll let Candice talk -- we've had some good meetings with Candace and the Chief's office and I and City Legal. So, a few different components to that. So, one of those is potentially detaining personal property. We've got that down to where I think we're gonna be able to try and get that handed off.

C. Atkinson said they needed to get more bags that were larger but would have to check on that.

J. Batchelor stated they were moving from officers having to do a full report to just do an affidavit of probable cause. He said in the long term they would be working to get evidence lockers.

H. Morris said they had an officer working in the jail to help assist with some of the things needs done and it was very helpful in terms of time.

M. Crawford introduced the new City Police Auditor, T. McCray. T. McCray gave his background and experience.

A. Robnett introduced Strategic Communications Officer, Dawn Small. D.Small gave her background and experience.

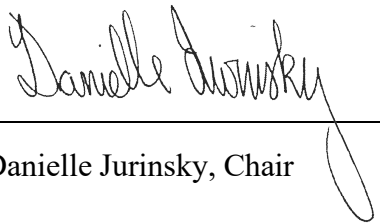
C. Atkinson stated they went live with putting a warrant lookup for warrants in the City of Aurora to help with transparency. She also said they hoped to have their live docket online also.

**6. Confirm Next Meeting**

Next meeting confirmed September 14, 2023, at 1 p.m.

**7. Adjournment @9:30 am**

APPROVED:

  
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Danielle Jurinsky, Chair