



## Public Safety, Courts and Civil Service Committee

September 14, 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, T. Buneta,  
                                      K. Leyba, S. Griffin, M. Crawford, M. Behr, C. Bennett, M. Platt, A.  
                                      Coombs, J. Marcano, M. Mocerri, K. Tisdale, T. Joyce, M. Chapman, A.  
                                      Oughton, M. Cain, M. Wasserburger, A. Robnett, M. Hays, M.  
                                      Chapman, S. Day, J. Heckman, H. Morris, R. Pena, T. Graham, J.  
                                      Schneebeck, M. Nelson, Le. Rehwalt, J. Prosser, C. Tassin, M. Sears, C.  
                                      Juul, T. McCray, C. Atkinson, D. Small, J. Puscian

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### 1.     **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 1:00.

### 2.     **Approval of Minutes**

August 10, 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 September 2023**

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

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

**3.f     Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (Resolution)**

All six items to move forward.

### 4.     **General Business**

**4.a     Ordinance Regarding Judicial Performance Commission**

CM Coombs stated this was an opportunity to create more transparency in their

judicial performance reviews and to make them available online to make sure the information is accurate and transparent as possible. She stated they added a couple notes, including denoting whether or not the judges oversaw any trials during their evaluation period.

#### **4.b Judicial Performance Commission Update**

J. Haien stated they read the outline of the proposed legislation and found it interesting and helpful, but had some questions. He updated on how things were going with the Commission. He discussed sources of evaluation they were using, such as written statistical surveys, including 3405 questionnaires to attorneys, court personnel, police department, selected jurors, and randomly selected defendants who had appeared court with an 11% response rate. He stated the survey gave them information on 18 judges and he talked about some of the statistics of those judge surveys. He said their recommendation was only their report and that the council members could take it or leave it and make a decision on their own. He said transparency was important to them but he also discussed the difference in factuality and transparency in statistics.

#### **4.c Police Audit Updates Q2 and Q3 2023**

M. Crawford, city auditor, gave the police auditor updates for Q2 and Q3. She stated the objective of the audit was to determine the level of efficiency and effectiveness of APD response to specific calls for service, including alternate response. She said they concluded that APD should evaluate how they respond to specific call types and better utilize call data. She said they reviewed CAD data from January 2021 to March 13, 2023 and looked at unique calls for service, including alarm responses. She spoke about false alarms and recommended APD evaluate how they respond to alarm calls and determine if an alternate responses would reduce the number of the false alarms and canceled calls for alarms. M. Crawford said APD was not actively monitoring priority response times and recommended to develop priority response time metrics and develop a reporting process. She stated canceled calls represented 15% of all calls for service. She said they recommend APD analyze canceled calls to identify any significant drivers requiring them to be canceled to make needed operational changes. She said policies and procedures needed to be updated. She said Aurora 911 and APD policies should be in alignment and they recommend they both work together to update policies and determine exceptions to online reporting. M. Crawford stated they needed to review the alarm call categories, determine if they are needed, and simplify the process for officers.

J. Batchelor stated they were working on an old directive, and so police and 911 were working to redo the system from scratch. He said they would reduce call type numbers and once they did that, they would come back and walk the committee through the protocol. He said they had a very similar effort going on with Fire also.

P. Schulte added there were programs out there to help them implement alarm permitting. He said if someone did not have an alarm permit, they would be on full notice that they would not send a police response. He said they could also track the alarm calls and after the second or third false alarm, people could start getting fined. He said that would also help with the fire department.

T. Buneta stated they were also looking at technology to automate a lot of the communication between alarm companies and their emergency communication

center with safeguards to vet the authenticity of an alarm prior to being pushed into their system for a response. She said the protocol transition would allow them the ability to automatically identify calls that needed immediate response. She said the data would also be available to paint the picture of exactly the types of calls they would be responding to allow them to use their resources more efficiently and be accountable to their community.

H. Morris talked about efficiency studies. She said the team went back through and nailed down some things to get to a bottom line of where they were at with the efficiency study. She said there were a few they did not feel were appropriate to implement. She said they would be talking to all the officers to let them know where they were at with the efficiency study and have discussions about changes.

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

J. Batchelor provided updates on the Public Safety Action Plan. He talked about staffing numbers and trainings, including the use of force trainings they needed to do to be compliant with the consent decree. J. Batchelor said they gave an update at Civil Service Commission earlier in the week and the numbers were looking similar. He said they were hoping to do over 100 interviews.

C. Juul said they would be getting into the interview process in a week and the numbers looked good.

#### **Data Collection**

J. Batchelor said crime numbers were down with two major exceptions, burglary from a commercial premises and shoplifting.

#### **Youth Violence**

J. Prosser spoke about the implementation of the Save Program. She said they got their first reporting and already served over 500 youth. She said they would be adding success stories to humanize the data in the next couple months.

#### **Crisis Response**

CRT did not have any additional updates.

#### **Homelessness**

J. Prosser stated 67 abatements, which was the highest they ever had. She said they were trying free up space for folks coming out of abatements. She said they were working with Salvation Army to have more open spots for people. She stated there would be updating council as soon as they heard from the state with how much funding they would be getting. She said they applied for 22 million and anticipated it would be less. She they also had been doing work getting ready to reach out to foundations to fill some of the gap.

CM Zvonek: What was the total amount that we felt like we needed to have in order to move forward with some of the plans?

J. Prosser said it was scalable. She said the preliminary numbers were around 50 million, but they could still do something with 20 million and had a lot of options.

J. Batchelor said they did not want to negotiate against themselves and said it was

not all or nothing but told them it would delay them if they gave anything less than they asked.

**5. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration**

J. Batchelor said they would be back next month with ordinances required to bring them into compliance with some changes in the state statute related to domestic violence.

A. Oughton spoke about the Station 9 foundation renovation. He also said they would be doing a pretty big honor by placing two AFR members on the IFF memorial wall in Colorado Springs. He added that they anticipated the dispatch changes to go live in the first week of October. He said their recruitment process was closing the next day but had 670 applicants the last time he looked.

J. Batchelor stated Station 9 would be a significant renovation. He said through inspection they found out the station foundation had problems and would be better off scrapping it.

**6. Confirm Next Meeting**

Next meeting confirmed October 12, 2023, at 1 p.m.

**7. Adjournment @ 2 p.m.**

APPROVED:



Danielle Jurinsky, Chair