

# PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

## ***Meeting Minutes***

Thursday, August 20, 2020 @ 4:00PM  
ZOOM Conference Meeting Online

### **Call to order**

**Chairperson Tyson Begly** called to order the regular meeting of the **Public Safety Advisory Commission** at 4:06 p.m.

The following persons were present: Byron Hickey, Dr. D. Edwards Jr., Lisa Branchcomb, Scott Taft, Tyson Begly and Pete Temesgen

Absence: Noel Danielwicz (Sick), Geraldine Buckner, Donald Watkins, Bill Ward and Julio Portillo

Visitors: Ms. Theresa El-Amin

Minutes Approved: 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Lisa Branchcomb 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Byron Hickey

### **Chair Tyson Begley Welcomed the Commission**

Chairperson Tyson Begly welcomed the commission.

- **Guidelines:** The committee reviewed the proposed guidelines in the attachment. No one expressed concerns, but reach out if you have any.
- **Communications:** The committee has connected with others that agreed there should be more proactive communications, but no progress has been made. The committee discussed how to make more citizens aware of PSAC so that we can help with their concerns.
- **Pay Compression:** The commission is waiting to see new pay study approved to address.
- **Homeless resources:** Mr. Tyson Begly tried to follow up with United Way, but they are busy with Covid response.
- **Video update:** The incident in the video is still being reviewed by Georgia Bureau of Investigation.
- **Annual update:** Mr. Begley attached a draft version that explains Public Safety Advisory Commission and the past couple of years of work. Please review so we can finalize at the next meeting.
- **Review Powers:**
  - City Council wants a study to combine the two ordinances.
  - There was a board setup around ~1971 with review powers, but Theresa El-Amin clarified that board was overridden by the creation of the new Public Safety Advisory Commission.
  - There is a Personnel Review Board with subpoena power. It is different because it reviews internal type matters rather than external events. Byron feels that City Council could grant similar powers to PSAC. Dr. Edwards agreed with this suggestion.
  - Since the ordinances would only allow Public Safety Advisory Commission to review a closed investigation, we need to ensure that we are engaged at an appropriate time so we can weigh in before a final decision is made.
  - We need to obtain a sample monthly use of force report.
- **Body Cameras:**
  - Lisa (Branchcomb) reiterated the need for random body camera audits. We will research further how to make this happen.

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- We need to research the policy, if one exists, to release body camera footage in a timely manner. If one does not exist, we should suggest a policy that requires it to be released after a certain amount of days.
- Theresa El-Amin:
  - The meeting was handed over to Ms. Theresa El-Amin for the last 10 minutes.
  - Ms. El-Amin reiterated the importance of attendance for such an important commission.
  - Ms. El-Amin walked the committee through the history and limitations of PSAC.
  - Ms. El-Amin feels that PSAC needs more power to effectively address citizen's concerns.

### Adjournment

Mr. Tyson Begly thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting ended at 5:05 p.m.

### Next Meeting

PSAC Meeting, Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 4 p.m., ZOOM Conference Meeting.

Deborah Gasaway  
Recording Secretary

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Deborah Gasaway*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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