MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)
September 22, 2016, 4:30 pm – 7:40 pm
Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Avenue, 16th Floor, Room 1600

CPC Attendees: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair, Rev. Harriet Walden, co-chair, Claudia D’Allegri, Josias Flynn, Melinda Gioveno, Kay Godefroy, Enrique Gonzalez, Jay Hollingsworth, David Keenan, Marcel Purnell, Isaac Ruiz
CPC Absent: Cpt. Joe Kessler, Rev. Aaron Williams
CPC Staff: Fé Lopez, Anne Bettesworth, Minty LongEarth, Betsy Graef, Tracy Whitlatch

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): “To approve the 9-22-16 agenda.”

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): “To approve the minutes from 9-14-16.”

ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP

Accountability Legislation Update – The City has coordinated several meetings with City stakeholders and the CPC to discuss the proposed legislative recommendations package since August 10. The City will file the draft legislation with the court by October 7th. Changes to the package have been negotiated and the CPC went through them individually to discuss whether they would accept the recommended revisions. The City decided to include areas of consensus and areas of disagreement within the package. There were also some items that would not be included in the filing and would be discussed later.

Main sections of the CPC Police Accountability System Recommendations are:
- Definitions – referenced in the body of the ordinance
- Office of Professional Accountability – purpose and authority, and independence
- OPA Director – duties, qualifications, appointment and removal, explanations of certain complaint dispositions, reporting, meetings, confidentiality of files and records
- Office of Inspector General – purpose and authority, and independence
- OIG – Inspector General – duties, qualifications, appointment and removal, reporting, meetings, files and records
- CPC – purpose and authority, and independence
- CPC Commission – duties, qualifications, appointment, removal and compensation, reporting, and meetings
- Mechanisms to support accountability – reporting of potential misconduct and police accountability issues, continuous improvement, disciplinary, grievance, and appeals policies and processes, recruitment, hiring, assignments, promotions and training, public disclosure, data tracking, record retention, criminal cases, collective bargaining and labor agreements, policy initiatives and updates, public statements, and protection of civilian oversight entities
- Construction and implementation
The following amendments were made to the package:

1. Section 3.29.007 (Definitions), page 2. Add definition for “Interference.”

2. Section 3.29.020, C.1 (Appointment and Removal), page 12. Remove references to CPC representation on the search committee; remove references to public meetings and an online forum prior to selection of appointee.

3. Section 3.29.110, C.1 (Appointment and Removal), page 27-28. Remove references to CPC representation on the search committee; remove references to public meetings and an online forum prior to selection of appointee.

4. Section 3.29.205, B.5 (Office of Community Police Commission), page 33. Change to read: “Represent, together with Commissioners, CPC in providing testimony and expertise to City departments and agencies, commissions, and other organizations pertaining to issues of Constitutional policing.”

5. Section 3.29.215, A.12 (Duties), page 36. Change second sentence to read: “Such advocacy may include, among others, reforms related to the referral of certain criminal cases to independent prosecutorial authorities, officer de-certification, pension benefits for employees who do not separate from SPD ‘in good standing,’ and the standards for arbitrators to override termination decisions by the Chief of Police.”

6. Section 3.29.215, C.4 (Appointment, Removal, and Compensation), page 40. Change first sentence to read: “Each appointing authority shall provide a process that allows individuals to apply and be considered for appointment, and shall ensure appointees meet the qualifications outlined in this Section 3.29.215 and are selected in a manner that effectuates the bylaws of the CPC with respect to its composition and achieves a strong majority of Commissioners who reside in Seattle.”

Moved, seconded, and passed (5-0-2): “To approve the September 22nd draft of the CPC Police Accountability System Recommendations.”

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): “To delegate the small Accountability Legislation workgroup to implement the technical edits to the September 22nd draft of the CPC Police Accountability System Recommendations.”