



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
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Agenda - Final

Law & Public Safety Committee

Chairperson Christopher Smitherman
Vice Chair David Mann
Council Member Jeff Pastor
Council Member Betsy Sundermann
Council Member Jan Michele Kearney
Council Member Greg Landsman

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

8:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATIONS

GUN VIOLENCE IN THE CITY

Victor Garcia, M.D., Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Chief Eliot Isaac, CPD

Lt. Col. Paul Neudigate, CPD

Lt. Col. Michael John, CPD

Chief Roy Winston, CFD

The Hon. Charles Kubicki, Jr., Presiding Judge, Hamilton Co. Common Pleas Court

Iris Roley, Community Activist

Jason Cooper, Manager's Advisory Group

Dan Hils, Fraternal Order of Police

Matt Alter, Cincinnati Firefighters Union

Mitch Morris, Cincinnati Works

Karen Rumsey, CPD

Dwight Young, BLOC Ministries

**Rev. Dock Foster, Candidate for President, Ohio State Missionary Baptist
Convention**

Pastor Peterson Mingo, Christ Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church

Pastor Ennis Tait, Church of the Living God**Dorothy Smoot, Community Police Partnering Center****AGENDA**

1. [202000941](#) MOTION submitted by Councilmember Mann, WE MOVE that the City review recent unlawful use of fireworks during the July 4th holiday period and recommend steps to reduce such activity in the future. Recommendations might include improved local and/or state legislation and a better and more coordinated educational and enforcement effort. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Mann

Attachments: [202000941](#)

2. [202001077](#) MOTION dated 7/28/2020 submitted by Councilmember Landsman, when residents call 911 with an emergency, call-takers currently have two options for dispatch: Police and Fire. However, many calls that got dispatched to Police are focused on citizens experiencing homelessness, addiction or those with mental and behavioral health issues. Other cities have improved safety and saved money for taxpayers by adding alternative options for call-takers and we should pursue similar approaches. (BALANCE OF MOTION ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

Sponsors: Landsman

Attachments: [LANDSMAN](#)

3. [202001079](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, The Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) is at the heart of the Collaborative Agreement but it faces two major challenges. The CCA has been understaffed and the submitted complaints are not being investigated and responded to in a timely manner. At one point, the CCA had a backlog of over 100 cases, including many excessive use-of-force complaints. Secondly, new data and reporting suggest that when the CCA does submit to the Administration and the Cincinnati Public Department (CPD), their findings and recommendations for the cases they have investigated appear to be largely ignored. (BALANCE OF MOTION ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

Sponsors: Landsman

Attachments: [CPD](#)

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David S. Mann

Councilmember

July 17, 2020

MOTION

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Councilmember David Mann

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Statement:

Illegal fireworks complaints have increased this year, presumably as one reaction to the stresses of living with the COVID 19 – e.g., concerns about contracting the disease, the “cabin fever” reaction to long term limitations on social and recreational activity, etc. The complaints via email and social media, especially the neighborhood based NextDoor, make clear that the quantity of complaints increased quite a bit. Many veteran associations have raised awareness on the effects of fireworks on Veterans suffering from PTSD.

Although no injury has been reported recently to our office, per the Consumer Product Safety Commission, “On average, 180 people [in the U.S.] go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday,” in a normal year. We are also aware of significant injuries in the suburbs of Cincinnati, including a death in Mt. Healthy.

This problem deserves thoughtful review.

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Gerald Chello

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Greg Landsman
Councilmember

202001077

July 28, 2020

MOTION

Public Safety Improvement: Differentiated Response

When residents call 911 with an emergency, call-takers currently have two options for dispatch: Police and Fire. However, many calls that got dispatched to Police are focused on citizens experiencing homelessness, addiction, or those with mental and behavioral health issues. Other cities have improved public safety and saved money for taxpayers by adding alternative options for call-takers, and we should pursue similar approaches.

For example, In Eugene, Oregon, the Police Department works in partnership with CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets), born out of the White Bird Clinic, a community health center. They have built a relationship with the local Police Department and respond to calls that come into the 911 call centers.

CAHOOTS takes about 20% of calls and focuses on citizens experiencing homelessness and those with mental and behavioral health issues and the police department focuses on violent and criminal acts. If they are non-violent, CAHOOTS arrives at the scene in vans and assesses the situation. If they need back-up, they can call for police or EMS who then arrive at the scene. Most of the time, they use their training to assist and are able to transport citizens to hospitals, shelters, and White Bird (medical and dental care) on their own. **CAHOOTS saves approximately \$15 million per year in ambulance and ER trips and another \$8.5 million in public safety costs. Currently, they receive \$2 million in the budget, which pays for 3 vans for transportation and 24/7 staffing.**

As such, **WE MOVE** that the Administration pursue this approach and, if necessary, leverage the resources Council recently provided for new approaches to improving public safety. The Administration and appropriate stakeholders convened through a problem-solving team under the Collaborative should review all relevant 911 data to determine how many calls could be diverted to alternative dispatch options and begin to test how to make this work in Cincinnati. This should be done in connection with efforts like the LEAD pilot project and DVERT.

We also request a report within 60 days on national best practices, relevant Call Center data, and plans to test or pilot this new approach.

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Councilmember Greg Landsman



Greg Landsman
Councilmember

202001079

July 27, 2020

MOTION

CPD Improvement and the Citizens Compliant Authority: Reporting and Accountability

The Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) is at the heart of the Collaborative Agreement but it faces two major challenges. The CCA has been understaffed and the submitted complaints are not being investigated and responded to in a timely manner. At one point, the CCA had a backlog of over 100 cases, including many excessive use-of-force complaints. Secondly, new data and reporting suggest that when the CCA does submit to the Administration and the Cincinnati Public Department (CPD), their findings and recommendations for the cases they have investigated appear to be largely ignored.

We have now provided funding to fully staff the CCA, additional data collection and continuous improvement support for the Administration, with specific emphasis in our public safety efforts. However, we have not taken action to ensure that CCA recommendations are pursued.

If we are committed to real change and improvement within CPD, we must take action on CCA recommendations now. We need real reporting and accountability.

Real improvement cannot be achieved if CCA recommendations are ignored. CCA leaders report that they continue to make the same recommendations for change, and yet continue to investigate complaints that suggest no action has been taken on these repeated recommendations. Additionally, there is no structured or reliable process for Council and the Community to understand what recommendations have been submitted, and what actions, if any, were taken by CPD.

As such, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide to Council monthly reports on the recommendations submitted by CCA to the Administration and CPD. This should include the type of recommendations submitted and responses to the recommendations, including actions being pursued. Additionally, within 60 days, the Administration should create a parallel report on all known prior CCA recommendations and responses to the recommendations. The goal should be reform and improvement through meaningful reporting and accountability.

Councilmember Greg Landsman