

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, July 6, 2020
10:30 AM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Rigel Robinson, and Susan Wengraf
Alternate: Councilmember Lori Droste

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AGENDA

Roll Call: 10:31 a.m. All present.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - February 3, 2020

Action: M/S/C (Robinson/Kesarwani) to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes.

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

2. Ordinance: Public Right to Identify Officers

From: Councilmember Robinson (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Davila (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: June 15, 2020

Due: November 30, 2020

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance prohibiting law enforcement from obscuring or failing to wear their identification, such as name and badge number, when it is required to be displayed, with additional penalties when done during the commission of a crime or violation of City or Department regulation or procedure, and refer to the City Manager to update City policy regarding undercover and plainclothes officers in crowd control situations to comply with the ordinance.

Financial Implications: Negligible

Contact: Rigel Robinson, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

Action: The item was continued to the next meeting.

Committee Action Items

3. Resolution: No Police Revolving Door

From: Councilmember Robinson (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: June 15, 2020

Due: November 30, 2020

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution designating a history of serious misconduct and the act of previously resigning in the middle of a serious misconduct investigation as immediate disqualifiers in the Berkeley Police Department recruitment and selection process.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Rigel Robinson, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

Action: The item was continued to the next meeting.

4. Safety for All: The George Floyd Community Safety Act - Development of a Progressive Police Academy

From: Councilmember Bartlett, Mayor Jesse Arreguin (Co-Sponsor) and Councilmember Cheryl Davila (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: June 16, 2020

Due: December 1, 2020

Recommendation: That the City Council refers to the Public Safety Committee to develop a progressive police academy and curriculum. That this progressive academy is hosted by the City of Berkeley and offered for use by the regional. The City should hire consultants and convene stakeholders including the Police Review Commission, a community task-force, and the Berkeley Police Department to create the academy's programmatic design. Once established, Berkeley Police Department recruits will attend this academy for basic training. The training program is intended to become revenue neutral. The program will be offered on a paid subscription basis to interested jurisdictions. Berkeley's progressive police academy envisions a curriculum that teaches recruits de-escalation, empathy, and the Critical Decision-Making Model (CDM). CDM encourages officers to challenge their biases, refrain from using force when possible, and build police-community trust. By reshaping police ideology through education, the City of Berkeley can tackle police brutality and police misconduct at their roots.

Financial Implications: This recommendation would reallocate some funding from the department's Training and Standards division to the development of a new regional police academy. Once established, Berkeley's police academy would serve as a training institution for recruits from other progressive minded jurisdictions throughout the region. Attracting recruits from other cities and counties would potentially make this a revenue generating measure.

Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

Action: 3 speakers. Discussion held. The item was continued and placed on the unscheduled items to allow the committee more time to explore the proposed item.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

- **None.**

Items for Future Agendas

- Recommendations of Use of Force policy.
- Presentation on Berkeley Police Department Hiring Practices.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Robinson) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of Public Safety Policy Committee meeting held on July 6, 2020.

Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk