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Meeting Minutes - Approved PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON CRITICAL ISSUES IMPACTING THE BLACK COMMUNITY (ended 1-2021)

Thursday, September 17, 2020

5:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Sheray L. Wallace; Calvin Barrett; Ayomi Obuseh; Ruben L. Anthony, Jr.; Jael Currie and M Adams

Excused: 2 - Gideon W. Amoah and Isadore Knox, Jr.

Others Present: Karen Kapusta-Pofahl, Council Legislative Analyst

Council President Sheri Carter called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (9/17/20)

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

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Introductions, Task Force Charge, Group Agreements - Council Chief of Staff Kwasi Obeng

Attachments: [61015.pdf](#)
[Collective Leadership and Meeting Agreements.pdf](#)

After introductions, Council Chief of Staff, Kwasi Obeng, shared the charge of the work group as written in the resolution.

Mr. Obeng also shared collective agreements that the body should adhere to, so as to minimize conflict and ensure that all parties are heard and feel like it is a safe space.

ELECTIONS

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Election of Chair and Co-Chair of President's Task Force on Critical Issues Impacting the Black Community

Council President Carter requested nominations for a Chair and Vice Chair. No one volunteered for the position so without objection, Council President Carter was made the Chair and Mr. Calvin Barrett agreed to serve as vice-chair.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[62253](#)

Discussion Item: Meeting Dates / Times

Task Force members discussed meeting frequency and it was agreed to meet twice a month, on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. A poll would be sent out to schedule the next meeting.

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Discussion Item: Development of Group Agreements, Expectations

Attachments: [Collective Leadership and Meeting Agreements.pdf](#)

Discussed before elections.

[62256](#)

Presentation / Discussion Item: Civilian Oversight Board Status, Applications and Timeline - Karen Kapusta-Pofahl, Common Council Legislative Analyst

President Carter solicited topics that the task force could look at and seek presentations on. It was agreed that Legislative Analyst Karen Kapusta-Pofahl and MPD Chief Wahl would be invited to the next meeting to discuss the civilian oversight board as well as gun violence in the community.

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Discussion Item: Presenters to Address Initial Topics of Gun Violence in the Community

Dr. Anthony requested a presentation and discussion on affordable housing, homelessness and economic development plan for the African American community.

Ms. Wallace wanted a discussion on the health disparities in African American community as well as the rise in gun violence.

All members agreed that a presentation on the budget and its impacts on the African American community.

It was agreed that this meeting will be a short meeting as the real work with presentations will take place at subsequent meetings.

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Discussion Item - Future Agenda Items

No other future agenda items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Ruben Anthony, Jr., seconded by Calvin Barrett, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.