

10-28-2020 Town Council Meeting

Responses to Council Questions #1

ITEM #8: Adopt a Charge for the Reimagining Community Safety Task Force

Council Question:

The cover memo mis-identifies the Council members who worked on the charge.

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A correction for the front page of Item #8: One note currently reads, "The Mayor appointed Council Members Ryan, Huynh, Gu, and Anderson to review the draft charge." This is inaccurate. The Mayor appointed Council members Buansi, Parker, Ryan and Stegman to draft the charge and the rest of Council, not organized into a committee, gave feedback, which informed the final version.

Staff Response:

We apologize for this error.

Council Question:

This appears to be the wrong version of the charge - I understood we are using the final version that came out of the subcommittee work?

Council Question:

The draft in the packet is not the final draft sent to the manager on 9/28; can you put the correct text in the final resolution and notify the public of this change?

Staff Response:

We have corrected the resolution to include the language from the final version drafted by the subcommittee (attached) and will share this corrected version as an addendum to the packet.

Council Question:

Can you please provide a written description of the way in which CPE and GARE will be engaged in the taskforce? I don't understand the roles and responsibilities of the various staff and outside parties involved. Who is ultimately accountable for the successful implementation of the plan for the taskforce?

Staff Response:

The Manager has convened a project team to help support the Re-Imagining Community Safety Project to successfully implement the plan for the task force. The proposed roles and responsibilities of the Team involved in the project are as follows:

- ***Project Sponsor: Maurice Jones, Town Manager***

Sets project goals and expectations and assigns resources to the project.

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- **Project Champions: Flo Miller, Deputy Town Manager; Chris Blue, Chapel Hill Police Chief; and Loryn Clark, Executive Director for Housing and Community**

Provides executive guidance to the project and interfaces with the public and elected officials. Responsible for decisions regarding scope, schedule, deliverables and resources.

- **Project Manager: Sarah Vinas, Assistant Director of Housing and Community**

Responsible for managing the project. Builds project plan and schedule. Manages resources and project team. Serves as primary staff liaison to the Task Force. Interfaces with the public and elected officials.

External Resources

- **Professional Facilitators: TBD and Center for Policing Equity (CPE)**

Works with staff to design meeting agendas; Designs the facilitation and leads the Task Force meetings to achieve desired outcomes.

Note: CPE has committed to facilitating several sessions in the coming months that will ground the work of the Task Force, such as Policing 101.

- **Subject Matter Experts: Race Forward (GARE), Center for Policing Equity (CPE)**

Will provide limited technical and analytical assistance to the Project Management Team

Council Question:

What feedback did CPE and GARE give to the draft charge?

Council Question:

Originally, Council had asked that the task force facilitator/consultant review the charge before we voted on adoption; has this occurred?

Staff Response:

The Project Team sought input on the draft charge from the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) and Center for Policing Equity (CPE). Both organizations raised concerns about the short timeframe for completion of the Task Force's work. GARE also suggested clarifying the expectations for the roles and responsibilities of the Task Force, project team, consultant, and Council and deliverables the Task Force is expected to produce.