



City of Pensacola

Citizens Police Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

5:30 PM

Hagler Mason Conference Room, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Member Jonathan Green, Member Drew Buchanan, Member Gina Castro, Member Haley Morrisette, Member Kyle Cole, Member Kyle Kopytchak, Member Lara McKnight, Member Scott Remington, Member Shawn Dockery, and Member Vin Durant

Absent 2 - Member Autumn Blackledge, and Member Kendra Carr-Pineda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve was made by Committee Member Kopytchak and seconded by Committee Member Dockery.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Drew Buchanan, Kyle Cole, Kyle Kopytchak, Lara McKnight, Haley Morrisette, Shawn Dockery, Jonathan Green

No: 0

1. [21-00281](#) Minutes for Meeting March 2, 2021

Indexes:

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes March 2, 2021](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [21-00275](#) REPORT ON INITIATIVES AND UPDATES FROM PPD
 - UPDATE ON GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMPLIANCE

None.

3. [21-00280](#) RECRUITMENT**Indexes:**

Attachments: [ECSO Cadet Salary](#)
[G.O. A-4 Cadet Program](#)
[G.O. J-5 Employment and Selection](#)
[Pensacola Careers](#)

Committee Member Dockery opened the discussion for the need of recruiters in PPD.

Committee Member Durant, Committee Member Castro and Committee Member Remington joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Committee Member Dockery proposed that the city make an effort to budget for and hire 3 full time recruiters for the Pensacola Police Department.

Discussion amongst the committee took place concerning PPD recruitment.

Chairman Buchanan asked for Committee Member Dockery to bring forward a recommendation during the next meeting for a vote.

5. [21-00278](#) HANDCUFFING SUSPECTS WITH GUNSHOT WOUNDS**Indexes:**

Attachments: [Lawyer Calls for Pasadena Police to Stop Handcuffing Wounded Suspects – Pasadena Star News](#)

Committee Member Castro opened the discussion concerning alternatives to handcuffing wounded suspects.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee concerning PPD handcuffing policies.

Dr. Alexander spoke concerning his experiences with handcuffing policies and the need to preserve life.

Committee Member Castro indicated that she will bring forward the following recommendation for vote in the next meeting: Add specifics to the general order in reference to restraining suspects that are wounded.

6. [21-00279](#) DECRIMINALIZING MARIJUANA

Indexes:

Attachments: [Decriminalization is Sweeping Florida — One City at a Time](#)
[Virginia Lawmakers Move to Ban Police Searches Based on the Smell of Marijuana](#)

Committee Member Castro opened the discussion concerning decriminalizing marijuana.

Committee members discussed the possibility of rewording the previous recommendation during the next meeting.

Committee Member Kopytchak brought forward ten years of possession and misdemeanor statistics in the form of a graph.

4. [21-00276](#) CPAC REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT DUE TO CITY MARCH 31
- FINALIZE REPORT CATEGORIES
- DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSED CPAC RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee members reviewed a list of recommendations that they have made.

City Administrator Wilkins gave an update on the city's charter in regards to sunseting a committee. City Administrator Wilkins said the Mayor will be sunseting the committee after the report is received from the CPAC committee at the end of March per the city's charter. City Council is authorized to reconvene the committee.

Committee members gave their input concerning the Mayor sun-setting the committee.

A motion to request that a member of the City Council introduce a resolution to establish a permanent Citizens Police Advisory Committee was made by Committee Member Remington and seconded by Committee Member Kopytchak.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 Drew Buchanan, Kyle Cole, Kyle Kopytchak, Lara McKnight, Haley Morrisette, Jonathan Green, Scott Remington, Gina Castro, Vin Durant

No: 1 Shawn Dockery

Chairman Buchanan requested that all committee members bring their recommendations to the next meeting.

OPEN FORUM

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Committee Member Kopytchak brought forward a flyer for the March 27 kickoff with the Rattlers, first responders, and Magee field.

Committee Member Remington spoke about Richard G. Hahner, the citizen that submitted a packet to the committee for review.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2021.

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