



CITY OF  
**West Linn**

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# **POLICE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY TASK FORCE DRAFT MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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## Members:

Present: Rishi Bansal, Nicole Dawson, Sharron Furno, Kristina Garcia Siegel, Michael Harper, Linda Hamel, Nancy Noye, Lonny Webb, Debbie Wong

## Alternates:

Present: Fred Groves, Timothy Mullin, Evan Wickersham; Excused: Surja Tjahaja

## Liaisons

Present: Jerry Gabrielatos, Shannon Lee Erskine, Peter Mahuna, Adam Peterson, Bill Reylea, Jules Walters.

## Facilitators

Present: Martine Coblentz, Erin Ruff

### **1. Call to Order**

- a. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Erin Ruff, Facilitator

### **2. Public Comment**

- a. Kathy Selvaggio, West Linn. Urged the Task Force to consider the OIR report released today and offered that Concerned Citizens of West Linn members would be happy to review the OIR report and any other accompanying documents in detail and present key takeaways.
- b. Mary Baumgardner, West Linn. Councilor-elect thanked the Task Force for their work and the time members invested. She is committed to continuing the work.
- c. Dan Kraus, West Linn. Retired WLPD supervisor submitted written comments including
  - i. the internal affairs or professional standards investigative capability and integrity must be strengthened;
  - ii. the city manager needs bandwidth, access, and tools to oversee the police department;

- iii. The city council needs to be empowered to oversee, review, and confront issues with regard to allegations of racism, gross incompetence and corruption in the police department.
- iv. An oversight committee should be focused on ensuring the police department functions that should be occurring competently and ethically.
- v. Whistleblower cops must be able to bring their concerns to the city manager, City Council and oversight committee with confidence that they will be protected.

### **3. Approval of Minutes from 12/2/2020**

The Task Force approved the draft minutes

### **4. Review and revise draft proposal**

- a. Motion to make a recommendation to City Council to create a permanent police oversight committee that is funded, with permanent staff to serve the committee, and the committee has the power to recommend changes to the City Council thereafter. Passed unanimously.
- b. Related motions: When a complaint is filed, notice goes to everyone (WLPD and oversight committee). People are able to file complaints independently with 3rd party (outside WLPD). Investigation done by a staff person or contractor external from WLPD.\* Passed unanimously

\* A later conversation indicated that not all Task Force members understood that the motion included staff as investigator. Some members would prefer the investigator's independence to include not being a City employee. There was not time to finish that conversation, but it may be raised again in the next meeting.

- c. Unfinished conversations noted for future work:
  - i. What is the diversity of the civilians on the oversight committee
  - ii. Who makes appointments to the oversight committee
  - iii. What the oversight committee does with findings of fact.
  - iv. Whether the oversight committee should have subpoena power
  - v. What authority the oversight committee will have (ie what can committee do with the facts once the investigation is completed.
  - vi. Who has hire/fire authority over the "Executive Director" of the oversight committee.
  - vii. Is the funding guaranteed in perpetuity?
  - viii. How would changes be made to funding?
- d. Next steps: Erin Ruff will create a new Dropbox Paper document that includes the motions that passed at this meeting and the outstanding questions identified. Task Force members and alternates will make suggestions, additions, and changes to that document before the December 30, 2020 meeting. ([Document available here for public viewing](#)).

### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.