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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday September 4, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston IL, Council Chambers

Members Present: Alderman Fleming, Alderman Revelle, Alderman Rue Simmons, Alderman Fiske, Alderman Braithwaite

Members not Present:

Staff Present: Kimberly Richardson, Kumar Jensen, Ike Ogbo, Victoria Benson, Karen Danczak-Lyons,

Presiding Member: Alderman Rue Simmons

CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Ald. Rue Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF June 3, 2019

The meeting minutes were moved by Alderman Rue Simmons; Alderman Braithwaite seconded; approved 5-0

Citizen Comments

Becky Biller encouraged the committee to review the proposed ordinance on the formation of the Citizen Police Review Commission. For the ordinance to be effectively transparent it cannot be drafted to protect the police from inquiry and accountability, current and future members are not and will not be anonymous and there should be a clause to prohibit of retaliation.

Karen Courtright agrees with the statement made by Ms. Biller. Ms. Courtright went to the website of Citizen Police Advisory Committee and the last agenda and minutes were from March 2018.

Meggie Smith was not happy with the proposed ordinance, transparency is important and she feels there is another way to protect the officers and their family.

Albert Gibbs spoke on a complaint he placed against the police department. His life was threatened and went to the police department for assistance. His complaint was substantiated and the officer who wrote erroneous statement on his complaint was demoted. It is Mr. Gibbs belief that said officer should have been fired.

Presentation. CARP Policy Package and Policy Engagement Strategy

Kumar Jensen Chief Sustainable and Resilience Officer updated the committee on the progress on CARP. Staff recommends referring policies in the Policy Package to Boards and Committees. The finalized policies will be back to Human Services in 2020.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Ordinance 79-O-19 Creating Title 2, Chapter 15 of the Evanston City Code Forming a “Citizen Police Review Commission”

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 79-O-19 Creating Title 2, Chapter 15 of the Evanston City Code Forming a “Citizen Police Review Commission”

For Action

Held in Committee

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

CARP Policy Package and Policy Engagement Strategy

Staff recommends the Human Services Committee refer the policies in the attached Policy Package to the recommended boards, committees and commissions for development.

Accept and Refer

Ald. Revelle moved, Ald. Rue Simmons seconded 5-0

Review of Police Complaints by the Citizen Police Advisory Committee

Three complaints reviewed by the Citizens Police Advisory Committee with ten positive letters and comments received.

Accept and Place on File

Ald. Braithwaite moved, Ald. Rue Simmons seconded 5-0

Death Notification Process of the Human Services Advocates

Staff recommends that Human Services accept this memorandum and place on file.

Accept and Place on File

Ald. Revelle moved, Ald. Rue Simmons seconded 5-0

Healthy Work Environment Complaint

Staff recommends the Human Services Committee accept and place on file the Healthy Work Environment Complaint Process Report.

Accept and Place on File

Held in Committee

Mental Health Board Proposed 2020 Funding Priorities

Staff recommends consideration of the Mental Health Board’s proposed 2020 Funding Priorities. At its May meeting, the Mental Health Board (MHB) discussed ways to better align 2020 funding priorities with City Council goals. MHB is submitting its proposed funding priorities to the Human Services Committee for review and acceptance.

Accept and Place on File

Ald. Fleming moved, Ald. Rue Simmons seconded 5-0

Diversity and Inclusion Policy for Boards and Commissions

Staff seeks direction from the Human Services Committee regarding the development of a diversity and inclusion policy for City Boards, Commissions and Committees

After discussion the development of a diversity and inclusion policy was referred to the Rules Committee.

- Paid time off so staff can attend BBC meetings
- Women and people of color
- Change the profile do more to include community members with lived experience
- Inform alderperson of people being considered from their ward
- Child care is an issue for parents
- BBC should reflect the complexion/diversity of the community
- Report on vacancies of the BBC
- Recruitment can be done at city events with informational fliers
- How many applicant does the mayor currently have

ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

Response to referral from August 5 City Council meeting on the Memorandum of Understanding between Northwestern University Police Department and Evanston Police Department

Northwestern University Police Chief Bruce Lewis spoke to the committee on the years of cooperation and partnership his department has had with the Evanston Police Department (EPD). As a certified police department a person can be arrested by Northwestern University police, booked and taken to EPD for holding.

Evanston Police Department procedure for requesting ID from individuals

In response to an officer request to see an ID the person in question has to provide said ID if the officer gives an articulable reason of suspicion. If the person refuses to provide an ID to the officer after being given an articulable reason of suspicion the person can then be detained.

ADJOURNMENT

Unanimously approved, meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicola Whyte
Administrative Lead