

## **Minutes of the**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Wulff, Reynoso, Schreiber, Commers, Duininck, Cunningham, Rummel, Letofsky, Kramer, Dorfman, Barber

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Chair Duininck called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:00 on Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rodriguez to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2017 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATION**

Metro Transit Police Department Update

Chief John Harrington provided an update on the Metro Transit Police Internal Affairs (IA) Case Review 2017-004. Chief Harrington provided a timeline of the incident under review which occurred between MTPD Officer Lamers and Ariel Vences-Lopez on May 14, 2017 at 20:33 hours on the Blue Line LRT. Chief Harrington described the events that occurred and subsequently led to the investigation. The IA was ordered on May 19, 2017 and Officer Lamers was placed on administrative leave that same day. The new draft policy on Immigration Enforcement was distributed to MTPD officers on May 19, 2017. Chief Harrington provided copies of the new draft policy at the meeting. Officer Lamers and the MTPD separated on May 26, 2017. An internal use of force review was completed on June 27, 2017, and a concurrent expert opinion review is in progress.

Chief Harrington provided the language from the old MTPD immigration enforcement policy. The new MTPD immigration enforcement policy is being modeled after the St. Paul and Minneapolis police departments' immigration enforcement policies.

Chief Harrington explained the options and considerations for disciplinary actions as they are regulated by contracts, and provided a graph illustrating the IA Discipline Issued in the MTPD. In 2016, there were 17 cases investigated, 15 of which resulted in discipline issued, and 41 policy violations.

The MTPD has been working with various organizations to rebuild trust within the community. These organizations include the Immigrant Law Center, the Mexican Consul General, MIRAC, ISIAH, and the Federal Air Marshal. The MTPD has also been engaging the Latino and Somali communities and will be releasing a Univision video in the near future. Chief Harrington answered questions from the Council members and will continue to update the Council on this investigation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:41PM.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary