



## MEETING MINUTES

### Law Enforcement Transparency & Accountability Commission

Monday, October 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

City Hall, 107 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

1. Welcome
2. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm with the following Commission members present:

Joe Aldaz, Kate Angulski, Justin Baker, Rachael Flick, Janice Frazier, Steve Kern, Terry Martinez, Dennis Moore, Luis Velez, Deb Walker, Brent Windebank, Rosita Camargo (Alternate), Felicia Embry (Alternate)

Councilmembers Present:

President Pro-Tem Tom Strand, Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Wayne Williams

Staff Present:

Emily Evans (City Council Administrator), Michael Montgomery (Deputy City Council Administrator), Sam Friedman (City Council Constituent Response Specialist)

Tom Florczak (Deputy City Attorney), Jamie Fabos (Chief Communication Officer), Danielle Summerville (Community Diversity & Outreach Programs Manager)

Hugh "Mike" Velasquez (Police Commander – Professional Standards Division), Amanda Terrell-Orr (Program Administrator – Research and Development Section)

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2020

Commissioner Windebank motioned for the approval of the meeting minutes from October 5, 2020. Commissioner Flick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. 2021 Colorado Springs Police Department Budget

Several Councilmembers provided a process overview of the budget approval timeline. Vice Chair Kern led an exercise in which each Commission member asked one or two questions they wanted answered regarding the budget. After all questions were asked, Commission members placed dots on questions to rank the importance to them.

#### 5. LETAC Draft Mission Statement

Chairwoman Frazier and Vice Chair Kern presented a draft mission statement to the Commission. The Commissioner deliberated changes.

Commissioner Flick, with a second from Commissioner Velez, made a motion to approve the following mission statement and goals for the Commission:

##### *MISSION*

*The mission of the Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission (LETAC) is to make recommendations to City Council which would promote improved understanding and relationships between the police department and the public. To accomplish this, the Commission will:*

##### *GOALS*

- provide a conduit for the concerns and needs of both citizens and the police department to be shared and discussed with City Council;*
- analyze and provide feedback to City Council with other policy recommendations; and,*
- assist City Council with budget, appropriation, and resource allocation recommendations utilizing data-driven audits of law enforcement performance.*

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 6. LETAC Communication Strategy

The Commission discussed their internal and external communication strategy. Commissioners Angulski and Windebank were tasked with researching what other Commissions do as well as drafting language for external communication when citizen contact is received.

#### 7. CSPD Community Academy Options

Commander Velasquez stated that the Community Academy has been placed on hold due to COVID-19 and that the department is exploring how to hold virtually.

#### 8. Administrative/Correspondence Updates

Staff shared the next meeting would move to City Hall in the Council Chambers

9. Future Agenda Items

Leadership elections were added to the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.