

**City of Phoenix
General Obligation Bond Committee
Public Safety Subcommittee
Summary Minutes
Monday, August 29, 2022**

City Council Chambers
200 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Ariz.

Subcommittee Members Present

Mr. Steve Beuerlein, Chair
Ms. Anne Ender, Vice Chair
Mr. Greg Jackson
Ms. Gail Knight
Hon. Daniel Valenzuela
Mr. Alton Washington
Hon. Thelda Williams

Subcommittee Members Absent

Mr. Rick DeGraw
Mr. Derrick Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beuerlein called the Public Safety Subcommittee to order at 9:03 a.m. with committee members Anne Ender, Greg Jackson, Gail Knight, Daniel Valenzuela, Alton Washington, and Thelda Williams present.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Ender made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 Public Safety Subcommittee meeting. Committee member Jackson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

3. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chair Beuerlein commented on the shooting near 27th Avenue and Deer Valley. He asked Councilwoman Ann O'Brien to share her comments.

Councilwoman O'Brien thanked public safety staff for their service and expressed thoughts for the police officers injured and for the community members lost. She requested the public report any safety concerns to help preserve the safety of public safety personnel.

Chair Beuerlein shared his concern for the police officers, firefighters, and community members impacted by the shooting.

Chair Beuerlein reminded members that a list of projects ranked in priority order was due to the Executive Committee by the last subcommittee meeting and should consider projects with safety concerns a higher priority. He mentioned that staff had

developed an option to help members rank projects. He further mentioned that a public hearing for the Executive Committee had been scheduled for September 14 at 6:00 p.m., and subcommittee members should not attend due to open meeting law requirements.

4. CAPITAL NEEDS AND PRIORITIZATION AND EVALUATION PROCESS

Chair Beuerlein introduced staff to present additional material requested from the previous meeting.

Assistant City Manager Lori Bays introduced Executive Assistant Fire Chief Scott Walker, Assistant Police Chief Michael Kurtenbach, and Deputy Budget and Research Director Chris Fazio.

Chief Walker provided further information on Fire Station 20, new Fire Station 70 and the Community Assistance Program (CAP) location, new Fire Station 74, the regional Automatic Aid system, the Fire Station 7 response area, the Fire Station 13 response area, the Fire Station 15 response area, and the 27th Avenue Corridor plan.

Chief Kurtenbach provided additional information on Community Safety and Crime Prevention plans, Priority 1 call response times, dispatched calls by precinct, projected dispatched calls by prioritized projects, and homicide rates by precinct.

Vice Chair Ender asked if homicide detectives investigated crimes other than homicide.

Chief Kurtenbach explained that because the method and manner of a death was not always evident, night-shift detectives may perform preliminary investigations. He noted only Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) homicide numbers were reported, even though other manners of death required the same amount of resources.

Vice Chair Ender asked how a new or renovated Maryvale precinct would benefit the department and community.

Chief Kurtenbach responded that modernizing these facilities would enhance field investigations and accelerate turnaround times, benefitting the whole community.

Vice Chair Ender asked why the top five incident response call types within the 27th Avenue Corridor did not match the types of crimes in the area.

Chief Walker discussed how call types were categorized, including those that lack identifying information.

Vice Chair Ender asked Chief Kurtenbach how Priority 1 call data compared prior to 2019 within a five-year period.

Chief Kurtenbach explained that calls for service had remained consistent over time, except for declines in self-initiated calls versus system-generated calls, which could be attributed to staffing issues.

Committee member Washington asked if future capital projects were determined based on completion time, funding, or other factors.

Committee member Williams advised she could not be heard. Chair Beuerlein asked if she had any questions or comments at this time.

Committee member Williams had none at this time.

Committee member Valenzuela asked if the intervention study partnering with Arizona State University was specific to the 27th Avenue Corridor.

Chief Kurtenbach confirmed it was.

Committee member Valenzuela asked if any partnership study was being considered with Grand Canyon University, due to its investments in crime safety initiatives. He commented that technology should also highly be considered when outfitting the stations and planning for their future usage.

Chief Kurtenbach responded that the 27th Avenue Corridor project heavily utilized technology, helping to create quality police work. He mentioned real-time projects facilitated by technology were ongoing to ensure community safety.

Committee member Valenzuela expressed support for current technology efforts and for the bond program to continue such investments.

Chief Walker discussed Fire Department data and technology uses in recent years and their incorporation into future processes and planning.

Chair Beuerlein thanked Chief Kurtenbach and Chief Walker for their presentations and service. He recognized Fire Chief Michael Duran and Police Chief Jeri Williams and all public safety personnel for their support and dedication to the community.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Beuerlein opened the floor for public comment.

Assistant City Attorney Julie Kreigh explained the rules for public comment.

Chris Murphy spoke in favor of adding all additional fire stations and vehicles from the Future Capital Needs Study to the current bond request.

Darrell Kriplean spoke in support of police projects.

Chair Beuerlein thanked the men and women of the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association (PLEA).

AJ Marsden spoke in support of modernizing and improving the Maryvale and Cactus Park precincts and noted that workspace environments can affect stress.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Beuerlein thanked the public for their participation and asked if members had any questions.

Ms. Bays asked if the committee would like Mr. Fazio to explain the ranking methodology option.

Chair Beuerlein stated he would.

Mr. Fazio noted the Executive Committee and Council would continue to receive feedback from the public throughout the year. He stated the subcommittee had two more meetings to finalize their recommendations. Mr. Fazio presented a facilitated ranking option, which included a survey for each member to rank projects in priority, identify whether to increase or reduce funding on any project, and to determine which projects should move forward, unless the subcommittee members already knew which projects they would like to advance.

Committee member Jackson asked what factors were involved and how ranking would take place.

Mr. Fazio explained there was no prescribed method.

Chair Beuerlein asked if staff would like the subcommittee to take action on the survey or open up the floor for members to decide.

Mr. Fazio answered that an option would be to poll the members on which projects should move forward, so the survey could circulate with the known projects. He explained this would help clarify where members stood on project rankings at the third meeting, and that the subcommittee could use the third and fourth meetings for deliberations.

Chair Beuerlein asked if the subcommittee was comfortable with the list of projects provided and could they be prioritized.

Vice Chair Ender replied she was content with the current list.

Committee member Jackson supported moving ahead with the current list.

Committee member Valenzuela stated he was comfortable moving ahead with the existing projects.

Committee member Washington supported moving forward with the existing list and not making any distinction between the prioritized and future projects.

Committee member Knight supported moving ahead and requested both prioritized and future projects be listed for ranking.

Committee member Williams expressed satisfaction with the current list but was unclear if the projects should be submitted to staff prior to the next meeting or brought back to the next meeting.

Mr. Fazio presented the process that utilizes a survey sent to all members to rank both prioritized and future capital projects by priority as a starting point for deliberations.

Mr. Fazio clarified that staff would need direction on finalizing the projects members would like to see in the survey tool.

Chair Beuerlein recognized the hard work from staff and requested the list be shown in priority by the Police and Fire Departments.

Mr. Fazio stated the initial list could be ranked by departments' recommended priorities, or all fire and police projects could be grouped separately.

Chair Beuerlein recommended listing projects separately for each department.

Committee member Jackson asked if the risks and benefits of each project could be included.

Mr. Fazio replied it may not be possible to include them in the survey tool but that staff could discuss with the committee.

Ms. Bays stated presentation summaries could be provided alongside the survey tool, if deemed helpful.

Committee member Jackson agreed that additional information would be helpful.

Vice Chair Ender asked if a summary template would be provided.

Mr. Fazio responded that only the rank-ordered list of projects was needed from the subcommittee and that staff would prepare the presentation to the Executive Committee.

Committee member Valenzuela supported the idea of separate department-prioritized lists for ranking.

Mr. Fazio explained staff would compile the information that would accompany the survey and provide deadlines on when survey responses were needed. He noted the survey could be sent while staff compiled the requested information, or survey distribution could wait until the information was provided, depending on the preference of the subcommittee.

Chair Beuerlein asked if any members had any other questions and then asked if staff had questions.

Ms. Bays responded to Committee member Washington's concern regarding logistics in implementing a larger number of projects. She stated there would be challenges in implementing all fire stations or police precincts within the five-year bond program and reminded the subcommittee that the intent was to have another bond program in the next five to seven years.

Chair Beuerlein reminded the audience of the upcoming public hearing and that more information could be found at phoenix.gov/bond. He noted the next subcommittee meeting was scheduled for September 19 and if any member had a conflict to notify staff. He thanked staff and subcommittee members for their participation.

Chair Beuerlein adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.