

Police Reform and Collaborative Working Group – NYS Exec Order 203

Biweekly Meeting: 11-2-20

Attendees: Mayor Warren, Dorraine Kirkmire, BJ Scanlon, Shani Mitchell, Deputy Chief Wayne Harris, Conor Reynolds, Chief Herriott, Willie Lightfoot, Nick Petitti, Shani Wilson, Miguel Melendez, Deputy Chief Andre Anderson, Brittaney Wells

Mayor reported that she had a discussion with WilmerHale and they clarified that their approach would not be exclusive to the Executive Order. They would be working on many of the components of the Governor's plan, but their work would not include the preparation of the plan.

We have a draft support letter to Council for WH. Conor shared the board questions and the Mayor provided a response:

1- Forfeiture funds – could these funds be used outside of the RPD? Mayor – funds have to be for RPD.

2-Does the legislation include work for WH that is not guided by this working group? Mayor - Not for this phase. Legislation is only for phase 1.

3 - Legislation also authorizes the Mayor to craft an agreement with “terms and conditions as the Mayor deems to be appropriate.” In that agreement, will be there a condition stating that it is the Task Force [Working Group] – not WilmerHale – that has the final say over any recommendations coming out of the Task Force? Mayor - The WH recommendations will be reviewed by the Working Group before they go into the plan. WH will do the deep dive and that information will come to this Group and we will help guide the plan development. This Working Group will drive the plan that goes to NYS. Mayor commented that it appears that the PAB concerns relate to operation and oversight of the process and not with WH. Mayor clarified that City Council will ultimately decide what is submitted to the Governor in response to Executive Order 203. City Council is the authority.

Mayor- 13 Questions: Want to get a sense of where you are with these questions. Want to be clear that everyone is working on their questions separately. Questions should be answered by the end of November. Confirmed that everyone is working along on the questions. PAB and RPD will work together on RPD demographic questions. Chief indicated that she will be meeting with PAB to walk them through the RPD Data Portal.

PAB meeting is at 6:30 on Thursday and the CC committee meeting is at 4. The Mayor would like to get the PAB support in time for the 4:00 meeting. CR doesn't want to move forward until after the 6:30 meeting and to move forward with support letter without them. Mayor asked CR to pull together an emergency session of the PAB to get support tomorrow, if possible. Connor asked if the letter can be sent without the PAB? Mayor would prefer to all move forward together. CR will email the board immediately and try to get a quorum by Wednesday.