



**City of Hyattsville  
Police and Public Safety Citizens (PPSC) Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
Minutes, Meeting of May 15, 2024**

**I. Attendance**

Position, Name	Ward	Present / Absent	Position, Name	Present / Absent
Chair, Julia Dezelski	1	✓	Chief of Police, Jarod Towers	✓
Vice Chair, Bob Kantor	2	✗	Deputy Chief of Police, Laura Lanham	✓
Secretary / Recorder, Robert Riddle	2	✓	Council Member Ward 2, Emily Strab	✓
Member, Taylor Wilder	2	✗		
Member, Julio Gomez	2	✗		
Member, Jermome Brown	3	✓		
Member, Patricia Page	5	✓		
Member, Mark Culberson	3	✓		

**Public Attendance**

None noted

**II. Business**

Riddle asked if the Committee might agree to amend the [Agenda](#) to add items for votes / discussion – noting the meeting invitation shows future Committee meeting dates, but the City web site provides a link to the Committee’s 2024 meetings that lists only 2023 meetings. Chief Towers noted the Committee must vote to confirm its meeting calendar; typically done in January.

Discussion of quorum; Council member noted that the City website shows 7 members on the roster, and Committee member Julio Gomez, whose term was known to be ending, is no longer listed

- A. Quorum established, Motion made (Riddle moved, ✗ seconded) to approve meeting [Agenda](#) as drafted (by Kantor) to include discussion of future Committee meeting dates; Motion passed (all verbal aye)



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- B. Discussion of meeting dates: Chief noted September 11 is the Maryland Chiefs Conference and asked that the Committee chose a different date for its September meeting. Committee affirmed the following dates:

Jun 12, 2024 07:00 PM  
Jul 10, 2024 07:00 PM  
Aug 14, 2024 07:00 PM  
~~Sep 11, 2024 07:00 PM~~ September 18, 2024 7:00 PM  
Oct 9, 2024 07:00 PM  
Nov 13, 2024 07:00 PM  
Dec 11, 2024 07:00 PM

Motion made (Riddle moved, Brown seconded) to affirm and publish the above dates for its 2024 meeting schedule. Motion passed (all verbal aye).

- C. Discussion of [draft letter](#) prepared and circulated among Committee members for review and comments, on May 11th, by Jerome Brown

Chief - the VOIP system is not tied into CAD and RMS systems nor to dispatch call center

Committee members discussed various paragraphs in the draft and finalized them in real time.

Motion made (Riddle moved, Brown seconded) to accept the Committee-amended draft as written in the shared document, with an allowance for Chair Dezelski as signatory to make final edits for language, form, and consistency. Motion passed (all verbal aye).

Motion made (Riddle moved, Brown seconded) for a member of the Committee to attend the next meeting of City Council and to read the Committee's advocacy to the Council. Motion passed (all verbal aye).

Chair Dezelski offered to be that member of the Committee to read the Committee's letter to the City Council.

- D. Public comment  
None



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- E. Motion made (Riddle moved, Brown seconded) to adjourn. Motion passed (all verbal aye). Meeting ended at 9:04 p.m. ET
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