

## Recap of Last Summer's Policing Discussions

**June 15, 2020** – Citizen Petition received for *Flagstaff Police Reform: Use of Force and Funding*.

Scheduled for discussion on July 7, 2020

**June 16, 2020** – Public Hearing for Budget Adoption – 565 public comments were read regarding police budgets (8 hours of comments).

Following this meeting the public commenting protocol was amended to have those who wanted to provide comments to do so verbally by phone. Written comments continued to be accepted, provided to Council, and included as part of the record.

**June 17, 2020**

Councilmember Aslan requested a FAIR

*Logistical discussion for launching an extensive community dialogue that thoroughly and sufficiently explores the Black lived experience in Flagstaff, in our state, and in our nation. I want the Black community from Flagstaff to be leading the way on this, although other black voices from outside are also valuable and should absolutely be invited to participate. I specifically recommend that we partner with Flagstaff's Southside Community Association to have them lead the community dialogue.*

Scheduled for 8/18/2020 Discussion

Councilmember McCarthy requested a FAIR

*Presentation to Council by the police department on their policies and procedures regarding racial profiling, de-escalation training, use of force, rules on the various types of choke holds, how complaints of inappropriate actions are handled, and procedures to prevent hiring officers that took inappropriate actions in other police departments. Presentation should include recommendations regarding procedures recently evolving in other cities where other professionals (e.g. paramedics, counselors, etc.) respond to calls that do not involve possible violence and do not require an armed officer. Also, consideration of creating a Public Safety Commission.*

Scheduled for 8/18/2020 Discussion

At this meeting, the final budget was adopted with Council directing staff to re-allocate more money to police training and funding for the southside neighborhood association community conversations. An additional \$25,000 was directed to the PD training budget and \$49,000 to the Southside for the Black Lived Experience Programming.

**July 7, 2020** – The Citizen Petition to discuss *Flagstaff Police Reform: Use of Force and Funding* was presented to Council. The Council did not support going forward with the petition because Councilmember McCarthy's earlier FAIR request covered many of the points within the petition.

**August 18, 2020**

Councilmember Aslan withdrew his FAIR because funding had been allocated to the Black Lived Experience project.

With regard to Councilmember McCarthy's FAIR – Council requested a series of presentations by the Police Department and asked that it be timely in getting back before Council.

**September 8, 2020** – First of three presentations by FPD and covered POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

No specific direction given. Council feedback was that it was a good discussion.

**October 13, 2020** – Second of three presentations by FPD and covered ALTERNATE RESPONSE MODELS

Direction of Council was for staff to move forward and develop options and recommendations for alternative response models that include an identification of community partners, and possible funding sources.

**October 20, 2020** – Third of three presentations by FPD and covered PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONS

No specific direction given. Council feedback was that it was a good discussion.