

BAC Meeting November 30, 2017

Minutes

Attendees: Tom Perkins, Musse Olol, Barbee Williams, George Weatheroy, Fred Sanchez, Chris Davis Assistant Chief/Services Branch, Christy Owen, Fiscal, Bob Del Gizzi, Fiscal, Catherine Reiland, Fiscal

The Mayor's budget guidance for bureaus to follow in building FY 2018-19 Requested Budget was reviewed. PPB's 5% reduction amounts to approximately \$9.4 million.

The process for evaluating potential reductions was reviewed. Potential add packages for both ongoing and one-time requests were reviewed.

Open group discussion followed:

How is the impact of cuts determined? Looking at data on calls for service.

What is the impact of legalization of marijuana and traffic impairment? As of end of October, Traffic enforcement has seen a slight increase of marijuana in the system of drivers, but the biggest contributor to crashes is still alcohol and speed.

Process: PPB will look at the services that PPB provides and figure out what can be reduced or eliminated.

Thoughts on the strategy: any cut is not perceived as good news. Prioritizing programs is problematic because everyone has favorites; also pits divisions against each other; cannot add work to remaining staff after reductions.

There are so many crises that require additional police. Homeless is an issue that has been dumped into the police's lap; no longer have much of a Traffic division.

The biggest bang for the buck is cutting divisions; need to talk about the service calls in addition to cutting divisions; the impact to morale must be considered with any reduction.

PPB has not done an adequate job of publicizing the state of the police; cutting divisions may be more effective; should have town hall meetings to discuss reductions; need input from public on reduction areas; get input from leaders in the community-superintendents, business owners.