



Request for City Council Committee Action from the CRA Working Group

Date: October 12, 2006

To: Council Member Scott Benson, Health, Energy & Environment Committee
Council Member Don Samuels, Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

Referral to: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Intergovernmental Relations (for Legislative Agenda recommendation)

Subject: CRA Working Group final report and recommendations

Recommendation: Receive and file report; approve ordinance changes and administrative rules changes; approve & refer to IGR the addition to the Legislative Agenda

Previous Directives:

- On February 24, 2006, the City Council approved a resolution establishing a working group to address recommendations in the report "A Study of the Policy and Processes of the Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority" from Civil Rights.
- On May 12, 2006, the City Council approved the group's work plan and three recommendations: (1) Conduct review of operations of Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit. (2) Direct staff to work to optimize an Early Intervention System for police officers. (3) Acknowledge designation of Assistant Chief Sharon Lubinski as Police Department's CRA Liaison.
- On June 19, 2006, the Health, Energy, and Environment Committee received and filed an update from the Working Group.

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Supporting Information

The CRA Working Group met 15 times from mid-April through August and held two public comment sessions. The Working Group has completed its work plan, and made the recommendations in the attached report. Many of the recommendations have been or will

be implemented administratively by the Civilian Review Authority and Police Department. These recommendations do not require Council action at this time, although the Council may wish to monitor the success of these recommendations being implemented over time.

There are eight recommendations from the Working Group that do require Council Action:

1. Add passage of a special law granting the CRA subpoena power to the City's legislative agenda.
2. Amend Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Chapter 172 to allow for complaint dismissal after Preliminary Review.
3. Amend CRA Administrative Rules to detail complaint dismissal processes.
4. Amend CRA Administrative Rules to define "misidentified officer."
5. Amend MCO Chapter 172 to require MPD to notify CRA when a dismissed officer is reinstated to the force.
6. Amend CRA Administrative Rules to require a sworn and signed statement from the complainant.
7. Amend MCO 172.20 CRA Scope of Authority to add "any violation of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual" to the list of types of alleged police misconduct that the CRA may investigate.
8. Amend MCO 172.130 Disciplinary Decision to define "disciplinary decision" and to establish the basis for the Police Chief's disciplinary decision.

These recommendations are explained in greater detail on pages 13-17 of the attached report.