



Minutes

Tempe Family Justice Commission

July 16, 2024

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jill Etienne, Vice Chair
Ilene Dode
Jeanette Costa
Patricia Riggs
Anastasia Stinchfield
James Sweig
Shannon Burns

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Jill Oliver, Chair
Bjorg LeSueur
Emily Davis
Stephen Baines

City Staff Present:

Tim Burch, Community Health and Human Services Director
Nicole Galvan, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Guest Appearances

Benjamin Beutler, City of Tempe Municipal Budget Director, was present.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Vice Chair Etienne called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Chair Oliver and Commissioners LeSueur, Davis, and Baines were absent from the meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of June 18, 2024 Minutes

No edits were made to the June 18, 2024 Minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Dode moved to APPROVE the June 18, 2024, Minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Stinchfield; Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Vice Chair Etienne, Commissioners Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, Burns, and Sweig.

ABSENT: Chair Oliver and Commissioners LeSueur, Davis, and Baines were absent.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair Oliver was absent from the meeting so the agenda item was deferred.

Agenda Item 6 – Community Health and Human Services Department Update – Director Tim Burch

Mr. Burch advised the Commission Members that the final two candidates for the Deputy Director of Community Health and Human Services -- Social Services position will take part in an employee townhall on Thursday, July 18th. Mr. Burch noted that the feedback received from employees after the town hall will be considered in selecting a final candidate for the position. Mr. Burch advised that Mary Mazey was selected as the city's new Deputy Director of Community Health and Human Services for the Wellbeing and Empowerment division. Mr. Burch mentioned that Mary previously worked in the department for seven years, is currently working in the city's Strategic Management office, and also has a background in community health.

Agenda Item 7 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Planning Retreat Update – Vice Chair Etienne

Vice Chair Etienne informed the Commissioners that the strategic planning retreat will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 in the Desert Willow Room of the Tempe Public Library, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Agenda Item 8 – Family Justice Commissioner Introduction – Commission Member Baines

Agenda Item was deferred to next meeting due to Commission Member Baines' absence.

Agenda Item 9 – Municipal Government Budget 101 – Municipal Budget Director, Benjamin Beutler

Mr. Beutler informed the Commission that the city budget is divided into the operating budget, which includes the city's day-to-day operations, and the capital budget, which includes the city's investments into infrastructure and other large projects. Mr. Beutler advised that the city operates under a fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th each year and that a balanced budget is required of the city.

Mr. Beutler mentioned that the City of Tempe is unique in how it utilizes stakeholder input, such as community surveys, business surveys, and employee surveys, to establish the annual budget.

Mr. Beutler advised that the Tempe City Council uses the Strategy Tool for Aligning Resources for Tempe (START tool) to establish the city's top five strategic priorities for the year.

Mr. Beutler noted that the state legislature recently passed legislation that removed the residential rental tax, which will eventually take away approximately 20 million dollars in revenue from the city.

Mr. Beutler advised that the city is adjusting to the projected loss in revenue by not allowing supplementals, or new city positions from the city's general fund, to be added to the budget for the next three years.

Agenda Item 10 – CARE7 Strategic Plan Update – Commission Member Stinchfield

Commissioner Stinchfield advised that CARE7 leadership is working to finalize their strategic plan, which is expected to be made public sometime in the Fall of 2024.

Commissioner Stinchfield noted that the most prominent issue identified in the strategic planning process was finding a safe place for clients in need. Commissioner Stinchfield informed the Commission that victims of abuse are often not leaving abusive relationships due to lack of shelter.

Mr. Burch noted that the city's Strategic Management office recently hired a full-time grant writer to assist all city departments with identifying and obtaining alternative sources of funding for the city's services, including CARE7.

Agenda Item 11 – Tempe Police Department Strategic Plan Update – Commission Member Sweig

Commissioner Sweig advised that the Chief is still finalizing the Tempe Police Department's strategic plan.

Commissioner Sweig shared preliminary information about how the police department is working to identify ways to be proactive in the police department's mission to "serve and protect the community through innovative and professional law enforcement practices."

Agenda Item 12 – Review Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum – Vice Chair Etienne

The Commission Members reviewed and edited the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum.

Agenda Item 13 – Future Training Opportunity Discussion – Vice Chair Etienne

Commissioner Costa confirmed that a representative from the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence will be able to come speak to the Family Justice Commission at the next meeting on August 20, 2024.

Agenda Item 14 – Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Presentation Update – Tim Burch

Mr. Burch advised that he will have feedback and suggested edits from the city's Communications staff at the next meeting. Mr. Burch noted that the city is sponsoring the Aging Summit 2024 conference September 9-11, 2024. Mr. Burch mentioned that the conference will include workshops on the Dementia Friendly Tempe programs and services.

Agenda Item 15 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update – Commission Member Costa

Commissioner Costa had no updates to report.

Agenda Item 16 – Commission Member Updates

The Commissioners had no updates to report.

Agenda Item 17 –Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Etienne deferred Commissioner Baines' introduction to the August 20, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Costa confirmed that a representative from the Arizona Coalition to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse will be able to come speak to the Family Justice Commission at the next meeting on August 20, 2024. Commissioner Costa advised that she knows of a survivor of domestic violence who is willing to speak to the Family Justice Commission.

Agenda Item 18 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Burns motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Costa; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Vice Chair Etienne, Commissioners Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, Burns, and Sweig.

ABSENT: Chair Oliver and Commissioners LeSueur, Davis, and Baines were absent.

Vice Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.
The next meeting will be on August 20, 2024.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan
Reviewed by: Tim Burch

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission