



**Eugene City Council**

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# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

September 16, 2020

**12:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

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**Meeting of September 16, 2020;  
Her Honor Mayor Lucy Vinis Presiding**

**Councilors**

Emily Semple, President  
Mike Clark  
Chris Pryor  
Betty Taylor

Jennifer Yeh, Vice President  
Greg Evans  
Claire Syrett  
Alan Zelenka

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**12:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

- 1. WORK SESSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Community Safety Initiative Workshops for Communities of Color**

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# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



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## Work Session: CSI Workshops for Communities of Color

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Meeting Date: September 16, 2020  
Department: Central Services  
[www.eugene-or.gov](http://www.eugene-or.gov)

Agenda Item Number: 1  
Staff Contact: Michael Kinnison  
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### ISSUE STATEMENT

At its work session on July 20, 2020, City Council directed the City Manager to convene workshops with organizations representing Communities of Color to specify changes or additions to the Community Safety Initiative that would best respond to the needs of their communities. Staff will provide an update including which organizations will be included, the process, and timeline, and Council will have the opportunity to modify or approve the proposed plan.

### BACKGROUND

#### *Community Safety Initiative Background*

In 2016, City Council initiated a process to collect information regarding community safety and to begin to undertake budget and policy changes to address concerns about the overall sense of safety and livability throughout the city, including issues related to homelessness, prevention services, municipal court, emergency medical services, and police. This work was based on a set of objectives endorsed by the City Council in June 2016, which included the following:

- *Implement community-based problem solving and restorative justice*
- *Reduce crime and recidivism and minimize repeat customers*
- *Provide individualized treatment for community members*
- *Ensure high system cooperation and compatibility*
- *Strive for quick and swift resolution of cases*
- *Involve, listen to and build trust in the community, including victims*
- *Work for adaptability of the system and ability to re-evaluate and adjust as needed*

In 2018, City Council had four work sessions to understand and address growing deficiencies across the community safety system. Data presented indicated that while staffing levels remained relatively flat, calls for police service increased 21 percent from 2014 to 2017, one out of three non-life-threatening police calls for service received no response, and general response times increased by 20 minutes. Two surveys of city residents were completed in 2018 that provided additional information regarding perceptions of safety and possible allocations of public safety resources.

In June 2019, City Council passed a payroll tax ordinance to provide long-term funding of the Community Safety Initiative. The Community Safety Payroll Tax was expected to generate \$23.6

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million annually. In November 2019, voters approved a charter amendment that caps the payroll tax rates and limits the use of the funds to community safety services (i.e. police, fire/emergency medical, municipal court, prevention and homeless) and tax administration.

While these future payroll tax revenues are required to be applied towards community safety, there is flexibility within the City code to meet changing needs by reallocating resources within the Community Safety Initiative.

### *Engaging Communities of Color*

The Community Safety Initiative (CSI) was designed to be a systems-wide approach that serves the Eugene community in an equitable and inclusive manner. In addition to the broader outreach efforts of the CSI, opportunities for communities of color to engage with the process included speaker presentations to the LatinX Alliance, Integration Network for Immigrants of Lane County and Grupo Latino Accion Directa, a Spanish language survey, and an event booth at Fiesta Cultural.

The death of George Floyd, a 46-year old African American, who was killed by police on May 25, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the national and local response to police violence against African-Americans has refocused calls for police reform including calling for defunding the police, reallocating dollars towards other types of community safety responses, and providing more social service response to certain calls for service. The June 22, 2020, public hearing on the FY21 Proposed Budget included testimony from many community members who expressed these interests. On June 22, 2020, Council committed to holding a work session on July 20 to discuss public safety funding.

At the work session on July 20, 2020, City Council directed the City Manager to convene workshops with organizations representing Communities of Color to specify changes or additions to the Community Safety Initiative that would best respond to the needs of their communities. Council directed the City Manager to return to Council in September 2020 with a report on which organizations have or will be included in these workshops, the process, and the timeline.

The intention for this phase of engagement is to invite a broad cross section of organizations and leaders within communities of color to learn about the development of the CSI and listen to their perspective on how the intended outcomes align with the public safety priorities within their communities. Many of the organizations on the recommended participants list were not specifically engaged previously and we hope to hear new voices and perspectives as part of this effort. Re-engaging communities of color on this issue is important at this critical moment in the community conversation around policing and public safety, and this effort will help to ensure the needs and priorities of undeserved members of our community are reflected in the CSI.

A proposed list of organizations, process, and timeline is attached (Attachment A).

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

#### [July 20, 2020 City Council Work Session](#)

*MOTION: I move to Direct the City Manager to convene workshops with organizations representing Communities of Color to specify changes or additions to the Community Safety*

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*Initiative that would best respond to the needs of their communities; and to return to Council in September with a report on which organizations have or will be included, process, and timeline.  
(motion passed)*

**COUNCIL OPTIONS**

Council could adopt the process (including organizations and timelines) as presented in Attachment A, make changes to the process, or request additional information before taking action.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

*I move to direct the City Manager to convene workshops with organizations representing Communities of Color to specify changes or additions to the Community Safety Initiative with the proposed process as presented in Attachment A.*

*I move to direct the City Manager to convene workshops with organizations representing Communities of Color to specify changes or additions to the Community Safety Initiative with the following modifications to the process in attachment A \_\_\_\_\_.*

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Proposed Workshop Plan

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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## ATTACHMENT A: Proposed Workshop Plan

<b>Purpose</b>
To provide an opportunity for organizations representing Communities of Color to specify changes or additions to the Community Safety Initiative (CSI) that would best respond to the needs of their communities
<b>Workshop Invitation List</b>
Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement will invite and engage with the following organizations:  Asian and Pacific Islander Community Action Team Bethel Temple Black Unity Blacks in Government Centro Latino Americano Chinese American Benevolent Association (CABA) Community Indigenous People's Group DisOrient Eugene Arte Latino Eugene Human Rights Commission Eugene Islamic Center Huerto de la Familia Jewish Community Relations Council Jewish Federation of Lane County La E-Kiss LCC Longhouse LULAC NAACP Native Community Philippine American Association of Lane County (PAALC) Powerhouse Worship Center Temple Beth Israel The Father's House Transponder Whole Eugene Community United  Invitees may also include representatives from 4J and Bethel School Districts, UO and LCC (including student-led organizations) and key informal leaders engaged in work with communities of color that may not be affiliated with a particular organization.
<b>Process</b>
Provide Community Safety Initiative (CSI) informational session with Q&A Provide opportunity for Participants/Organizations to submit additional questions about CSI following informational session/Q&A

Host CSI Q&A and Listening Session  
Solicit Additional Feedback on recommended changes or additions to the CSI  
Compile and present report

Note: All sessions will be recorded and available for viewing after their scheduled times to increase access to information.

### **Timeline**

#### **September:**

Council provides direction on proposed plan  
Staff connect with organizations, schedule and prepare informational session with Q&A

#### **October:**

Host CSI informational session with Q&A  
Organizations submit additional questions about CSI following the informational session/Q&A  
Host CSI Q&A and Listening session  
Staff outreach to solicit/collect additional feedback on recommended changes or additions to the CSI

#### **November**

Staff compile and present report

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