



Seattle City Council

Office of Councilmember M. Lorena González Memorandum

DATE: February 22, 2017

TO: Councilmember Tim Burgess, GESCNA Vice-Chair
Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, Member
Councilmember Debora Juarez, Alternate

FROM: Councilmember M. Lorena González, GESCNA Chair

SUBJECT: CB 118907 Police Accountability Ordinance – Issue Identification Process & Deadlines

The purpose of this memo is to provide you and your staff with additional details regarding the GESCNA Committee process for issue identification and consideration of potential amendments to CB 118907 (hereinafter “police accountability ordinance”). As the Mayor has previously mentioned, this ordinance is perhaps one of the most important pieces of legislation this City Council will debate this year. The ordinance is 91-pages, highly nuanced and detail-driven. Given its importance, complexity, and length, it is important to know the universe of potential amendments as early as possible to allow for meaningful debate, analysis and community input in and out of committee.

Accordingly, with the assistance of Amy Tsai from Central Staff, I have constructed the following internal timelines to assist in the process of timely identification of issues you may want to surface during our deliberative process.

This **Thursday, February 23, 2017**, we will hold a special GESCNA meeting dedicated exclusively to discussion of the proposed police accountability ordinance. This meeting will be critical to laying the foundation of the transmitted legislation and will serve as an initial opportunity to begin identifying councilmember-specific issues. Ms. Tsai will provide the Committee with a detailed briefing of the content of the legislation in sufficient detail to allow you and your staff to begin identifying issues of interest or concern to you. I have also asked Ms. Tsai to reach out to all councilmember offices to provide each councilmember with a one-on-one briefing.

Attached please find the schedule for the coming months and deadlines for (1) your requests for issue discussion on topics for which you would like additional information, and (2) your proposed amendments on those issues. Please note that my office has identified the potential need to have up to four additional meetings to discuss issues identified in the Committee process. We are in the process of reaching out to your office to determine availability before setting dates and this memo will be updated with those dates once they have been confirmed.

Lastly, the attached table has identified some anticipated areas of discussion and we have begun to sequence those conversations in a manner that allows my office, your staff and Central Staff the maximum opportunity to track and analyze these issues and any resulting councilmember-driven amendments to the police accountability ordinance.

As you know, the GESCNA work plan, and Consent Decree compliance timeline, sets forth a timeframe of final adoption in early May, and with your full engagement and cooperation we can meet this target.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this memo, please do not hesitate to contact me or Brianna Thomas from my office.

Thank you.

cc: Council President Bruce Harrell
Councilmember Mike O'Brien
Councilmember Kshama Sawant
Councilmember Lisa Herbold
Councilmember Rob Johnson
Amy Tsai, Central Staff
Kirstan Arestad, Central Staff

CB 118901 POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE ISSUE IDENTIFICATION AND AMENDMENT DEADLINES

DATE	ACTIONS (and known issues)
February 23, 2:00 pm	GESCNA Special Committee Hearing: In-Depth Briefing of Police Accountability Ordinance by Central Staff; CPC available for questions
March 8, 12:00 p.m.	DUE: Issue identification Round #1 Requests for additional information and staff analysis transmitted to Amy Tsai & GESNCA Chair
March 17	GESCNA Committee Hearing: Discussion of Staff Identified Issues and Issues Identified in Round #1 Discussion and Issue Identification Related to following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independence mechanisms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appointment and Removal Process for Directors and/or members of OPA, OIG, CPC ○ Terms • Roles and oversight
March 22, 12:00 p.m.	DUE: Proposed amendments Round #1
March TBD	GESCNA Special Committee Hearing: Discussion and vote on Amendments Identified in Round #1 Discussion and Issue Identification Related to following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPC Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Qualifications ○ Residency Requirements • Required reports • Budget
April 5, 12:00 p.m.	DUE: Issue Identification Round #2 Final requests for additional information and staff analysis transmitted to Amy Tsai & GESCNA Chair
April TBD	GESCNA Special Committee Hearing: Discussion of Issues Identified in Round #2 Discussion and Issue Identification Related to following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations and Disciplinary processes • Technical Amendments (if time permits) • Other (if time permits)
April 19, 12:00 p.m.	DUE: Proposed amendments Round #2
April 26	GESCNA Committee Hearing: Discussion and vote on Amendments Identified in Round #2 Discussion and Issue Identification Related to following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Amendments • Other
May TBD	GESCNA Committee Hearing: Vote on technical amendments and final committee vote on CB 118901, as amended
May 8	Full Council Vote on CB 118901