

COMMISSIONERS

NAN WHALEY, MAYOR
MATT JOSEPH
JEFFREY J. MIMS, JR.
CHRISTOPHER L. SHAW
DARRYL FAIRCHILD

DIRECTOR
CITY COMMISSION OFFICE
ARIEL WALKER

CLERK OF COMMISSION
RASHELLA LAVENDER



CITY of DAYTON, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY COMMISSION

101 WEST THIRD STREET • P.O. BOX 22 • DAYTON, OHIO 45401
CITY HALL • (937) 333-3636 • www.daytonohio.gov

April 22, 2021

TO: Police Reform Working Group- Use of Force

FROM: Ariel Walker
Director, Office of the City Commission

RE: Recommendations on Use of Force

On March 27, 2021 the Use of Force Working Group voted to put forward the following recommendations to the Dayton City Commission:

1. Revise the Use of Force Policy to adopt a statement of core principles with sections on sanctity of human life, public cooperation, de-escalation, use of force: objectively reasonable, necessary, and proportional, medical attention, duty to intervene and report, and use of force prohibitions.

In reference to these recommendations and the related recommendation made on March 22 regarding the Use of Force Policy, the City Commission requests additional time during the implementation period for the Law Department to review the language and consult with national experts. They will review the statement of purpose, changing the use of force standard, and the statement of core principles with a particular focus on adding “proportionality” and “necessity”.

The City Commission directs the Law Director to work with members of the Use of Force Working Group after completing additional research and consultation to inform her final recommendation to the Commission.

As all five Reform Committees continue their work and make recommendations, the City Commission is committed to providing updates during the due diligence and implementation process.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the City of Dayton.

Sincerely,

Ariel Walker

Cc: Ms. Dickstein, Mr. Parlette, Ms. Lofton, Ms. Doseck, Chief Biehl