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February 18, 2021

To: Mayor Nan Whaley  
Commissioner Matt Joseph  
Commissioner Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.  
Commissioner Darryl Fairchild

From: Commissioner Christopher L. Shaw

Re: Police Reform Working Group Recommendations

On February 18, 2021, the Community Engagement working group voted to put forward the following two recommendations to the Dayton City Commission:

1. **Juvenile Miranda Waiver Prohibition:** No interviewing, questioning, or allowing children to waive their Miranda rights without an attorney present.
2. **Alternative Juvenile Response:** In order to minimize the frequency of contact between juveniles and police officers in enforcement settings, this Working Group recommends dispatching alternative responders on all juvenile calls:
  - Alternative responders should be sent in lieu of police on issues including, but not limited to: mental health, homelessness, drug addiction, trespass, intoxication, unruly, disorderly conduct, and other low-level offenses.
  - Alternative responders should be sent in conjunction with police for all other issues involving juveniles.

In implementing this policy, the Working Group also recommends hiring and/or procuring alternative responders that are culturally sensitive and represent the communities in which they serve.

Per the working group's charter, the Dayton City Commission has 30 days to respond to the group with one of three options: accept the recommendation, reject the recommendation, or ask the group for further information to be able to evaluate the recommendation.

Accepting this recommendation does not mean that it will be implemented within the 30-day time window. Instead, it means that the City Commission directs the City Manager, Dayton Police Department, or other applicable entity to take action to implement this recommendation as soon as is practicable.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Christopher L. Shaw, Commissioner

Cc: Ms. Dickstein  
Mr. Parlette  
Ms. Lofton  
Ms. Doseck  
Ms. Walker  
Chief Biehl  
Lt. Col. Carper