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HEARING NOTES

Bill: LO22-0037

Youth Curfew

Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations

Chaired by: Mark Conway

Hearing Date: May 24, 2023

Time (Beginning): 5:20 PM

Time (Ending): 7:40 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 55 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mark Conway Kristerfer Burnett Zeke Cohen
Phylicia Porter Antonio Glover

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Shantay Jackson -MONSE
Erin Murphy – BPD
Letitia Dzirasa – Deputy Mayor

Debra Brooks – MOCFS
Jacía. Smith – Recreation and Parks



Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Conway called the hearing to order and introduced the committee members in attendance.
2. MONSE Director Jackson began a presentation on curfew engagement and the summer programming in the City.
3. Agency representatives took questions from the committee members. Topics included:
 - a. Process for directing minors to youth connection centers.
 - b. Safety protocols at youth connection centers.
 - i. Minors will be checked with a metal-detecting wand at entry.
 - c. Services provided at youth connection centers.
 - i. Minors will be signed in and checked against BCPS records.
 - ii. Recreation, food, and sleeping areas will be provided and staffed.
 - d. What happens if a minor is not picked up from a youth connection center?
 - i. DSS is involved then in providing services to minors.
 - ii. At intake – minors may be assessed for social needs.
 - e. BPD involvement in the curfew engagement process.
 - i. Erin Murphy from BPD reviewed Commissioner Harrison’s Memo
 - f. Minors who have multiple curfew violations.
 - i. Citations and fines for parents and guardians.
 - ii. Involvement of DSS to provide services for minors.
 - g. The role of DSS in working with minors.
 - h. Capacity and burnout concerns for the staff involved with curfew engagement.
 - i. Concerns about compensation for employees who are staffing curfew engagement efforts.
 - i. Enforcement and how static sites were chosen.
 - i. How can the public report curfew concerns?
 1. Dedicated curfew number (202) 430-5040
 2. Councilwoman Porter asked about also connecting 311 to this system.
 - j. Efficacy of curfew ordinances.
 - k. Concerns about educating the public about the curfew.
 - i. Information will be posted online.
 - ii. Via social media
 - iii. Radio adds.
 - iv. Robocalls
4. Chairman Conway called for public testimony.
 - a. One participant testified. (See the attendance record in the bill file)
5. Chairman Conway recessed the hearing.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If yes, describe.

- Liability for transporting minors in the vans
- Training to determine who is a minor. Of concern is that African American males are often presumed to be older than they are.
- Regarding concerns about educating the public MONSE Director Jackson said that the information about the curfew could be presented to parents and minors verbally.

Committee Vote:

M. Conway:
K. Burnett:
Z. Cohen:
E. Costello:
A. Glover:
P. Porter:
O. Ramos:

Anthony Leva,
Committee Staff

Date: May 25, 2023

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