

**A RESOLUTION  
BY COUNCILMEMBER KEISHA SEAN WAITES**

**AS SUBSTITUTED BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 21-R-3441, ADOPTED BY THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 17, 2021 AND APPROVED PER CITY CHARTER SECTION 2-403 ON MAY 26, 2021, ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN ORGANIZED AND A COLLABORATIVE STRUCTURE FOR DISCUSSION AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF BEST PRACTICES REGARDING EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY PUBLIC SAFETY POLICIES IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE PURPOSE OF COMMISSION TO INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN TO DETER CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS AND ENHANCE SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF ATLANTA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 1-102, Subsection (b), of the City of Atlanta (the “City”) Charter vests the City with all powers necessary and proper to promote the safety, health, peace, and general welfare of the City and its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety functions within the City of Atlanta include emergency and non-emergency functions which are the responsibilities of various Departments and Offices within the City of Atlanta government, including but not limited to the Atlanta Police Department, the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, the Atlanta Department of Corrections, the Atlanta Municipal Court and other Judicial Agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide an organized and a collaborative structure for discussion and the recommendation of best practices regarding emergency and non-emergency public safety policies within the City of Atlanta Resolution 21-R-3441 established a Public Safety Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta has experienced a citywide surge in crime and lawlessness which has impacted all neighborhoods, business districts and commercial corridors throughout all of the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-R-3001 was introduced to create a Buckhead Public Safety Task Force to partner with the local business leaders, neighborhood associations and law enforcement professionals to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to deter crime and enhance public safety in the Buckhead neighborhoods, business districts and commercial corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need Citywide to develop and implement a comprehensive public safety plan that will help stem the rise in crime to provide all the residents of the City of Atlanta with safer neighborhoods, business districts and commercial corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Commission was established to be comprised of internal and external members of law enforcement and experts tasked with helping to promote a collaborative

discussion regarding best practices concerning emergency and non-emergency public safety policies within the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has an opportunity to establish an extended partnership to include local Atlanta business leaders, community organizations, and other stakeholder voices to produce a comprehensive public safety plan with buy-in from all entities including corporate and commercial owners, retail establishments, neighborhood associations, and non-profit entities and institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, this extended community partnership can help facilitate the development and implementation of strategies that better reflect local assets and dynamics, with these strategies also informing region - and/or city-wide public safety initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Commission will focus on near-term and longer-term actions aimed at increasing sustainable safety and security among the people who live, work and visit the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta has a responsibility to implement policies and procedures to keep all residents and visitors to the City safe; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding the purpose of the Public Safety Commission to include crime strategy and amending its membership to include business leaders and neighborhood associations will serve to provide a body with the capacity to collectively address many of the public safety related issues impacting all the entire the City of Atlanta.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**, that Resolution 21-R-3441, adopted by the City Council on May 17, 2021 and approved per Charter Section 2-403 on May 26, 2021 establishing the Public Safety Commission is hereby amended to expand the purpose of the Commission to include the development of a comprehensive public safety plan to deter crime and lawlessness and enhance safety throughout the entire city and to amend its membership to include business and neighborhood leaders.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Public Safety Commission shall consist of the following members:

1. Mayor, or a designee;
2. City Council President, or a designee;
3. Councilmembers on the Public Safety Committee shall be non-voting ex-officio members;
4. Chair of the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee or designee;
5. Chair of the Atlanta Board of Education, or a designee;
6. Chief of the Atlanta Police Department, or designee;
7. City Attorney, or a designee;
8. Fulton County Board of Commissioners designee;
9. Fulton County Sheriff, or a designee;
10. Fulton County Solicitor, or a designee;
11. Fulton County District Attorney, or a designee;

12. MARTA designee;
13. City Solicitor, or a designee;
14. Atlanta Public Defender, or a designee;
15. Central Atlanta Progress designee;
16. Atlanta Citizens Review Board designee;
17. Atlanta Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiative, (PAD) designee;
18. Chair of the City of Atlanta House delegation, or designee;
19. Chair of the City of Atlanta Senate delegation, or designee; and
20. Four (4) members shall be appointed by the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Public Safety Commission is hereby established for a period of 24 months, effective upon approval of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that member of the Public Safety Commission shall require confirmation by the City Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the author of this legislation shall convene the first meeting of the body at which a Chairperson shall be elected.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Public Safety Commission shall meet a minimum of a quarterly basis or as deemed necessary and shall provide a bi-annual summary of activities to the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee, with the final recommendations submitted to the full City Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Public Safety Commission shall also be composed of five (5) working groups designed to focus on crime deterrence and the enforcement and application of existing laws focused within specific geographic sectors of the City of Atlanta aligned with the boundaries of the six (6) Atlanta Police Zones:

1. NORTH will be Police Zone 2 and shall be the Public Safety Task Force as established in Resolution 22-R-3001; and
2. EAST shall be Atlanta Police Zones 5 and 6; and
3. SOUTH shall be Atlanta Police Zone 3; and
4. SOUTHWEST shall be Atlanta Police Zone 4; and
5. WEST shall be Atlanta Police Zone 1.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the composition of the members on the **EAST WORKING GROUP** shall be as follows:

1. City Councilmember(s) from any Council District within Atlanta Police Zones 5 and 6, plus all At-Large Councilmembers or designees;
2. The Atlanta Police Department Police Chief or designee, and the Zone Commanders for Atlanta Police Zones 5 and 6 or designee;
3. Atlanta Policing Alternatives and Diversion (PAD) Initiative designee;
4. The Chief Executive Officer of the Atlanta Police Foundation or a designee;
5. The Fulton County District Attorney or a designee;

6. The Fulton County Sheriff or a designee;
7. Georgia State Patrol representative;
8. Chair of the City of Atlanta Senate delegation designee;
9. Chair of the City of Atlanta House delegation designee;
10. Atlanta School Board designee;
11. Three (3) appointees from Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB), each of whom must reside within Zone 5 or 6, to represent the NPUs;
12. Midtown Improvement District representative;
13. Little 5 Points Community Improvement District representative;
14. Midtown Alliance representative;
15. Intown Collaborative Ministries Outreach representative;
16. Cure Violence Global representative or designee;
17. City of Atlanta Office of Violence Reduction Director or designee; and
18. A representative from CHRIS 180.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the composition of the members on the **SOUTH WORKING GROUP** shall be as follows:

1. City Councilmember(s) from any Council District within Atlanta Police Zone 3, plus all At-Large Councilmembers or designees;
2. The Atlanta Police Department Police Chief or designee, and the Zone Commander for; Atlanta Police Zone 3 or designee;
3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Atlanta Police Foundation or a designee;
4. The Fulton County District Attorney or a designee;
5. The Fulton County Sheriff or a designee;
6. Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) representative;
7. Georgia State Patrol representative;
8. Chair of the City of Atlanta House delegation designee;
9. Chair of the City of Atlanta Senate delegation designee;
10. Multi-Agency Criminal Enterprise Task Force (MACE) representative ;
11. Community Action Committee (CAC) member;
12. Three (3) appointees from Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB), each of whom must reside within Zone 3, to represent the NPUs;
13. A representative from each CID in Atlanta Police Zone 3; and
14. A representative from each Business Association member in Atlanta Police Zone 3.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the composition of the members on the **SOUTHWEST WORKING GROUP** shall be as follows:

1. City Councilmember(s) from any Council District within Atlanta Police Zone 4, plus all At-Large Councilmembers or designees;
2. The Atlanta Police Department Police Chief or designee, and the Zone Commander for Atlanta Police Zone 4 or designee;
3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Atlanta Police Foundation or a designee;
4. The Fulton County District Attorney or a designee;
5. The Fulton County Sheriff or a designee;

6. Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) representative;
7. Georgia State Patrol representative;
8. Chair of the City of Atlanta House delegation designee;
9. Chair of the City of Atlanta Senate delegation designee;
10. Multi-Agency Criminal Enterprise Task Force (MACE) representative;
11. Community Action Committee (CAC) member;
12. Three (3) appointees from Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB), each of whom must reside within Zone 4, to represent the NPUs;
13. A representative from each CID in Atlanta Police Zone 4; and
14. A representative from each Business Association member in Atlanta Police Zone 4

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the composition of the members on the **WEST WORKING GROUP** shall be as follows:

1. City Councilmember(s) from any Council District within Atlanta Police Zone 1, plus all At-Large Councilmembers or designees;
2. The Atlanta Police Department Police Chief or designee, and the Zone Commander for Atlanta Police Zone 4 or designee;
3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Atlanta Police Foundation or a designee;
4. The Fulton County District Attorney or a designee;
5. The Fulton County Sheriff or a designee;
6. Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) representative;
7. Georgia State Patrol representative;
8. Chair of the City of Atlanta House delegation designee;
9. Chair of the City of Atlanta Senate delegation designee;
10. Multi-Agency Criminal Enterprise Task Force (MACE) representative;
11. Community Action Committee (CAC) member;
12. Three (3) appointees from Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB), each of whom must reside within Zone 1, to represent the NPUs;
13. A representative from each CID in Atlanta Police Zone 1; and
14. A representative from each Business Association member in Atlanta Police Zone 1.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that members of the working groups shall not require City Council confirmation. Each working group may amend its composition as needed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, each working group shall be appointed for a duration of 180 days; Any working group that wishes may extend that duration by an additional 180 days.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the working groups shall meet a minimum of two times and shall provide a summary of their meeting activities to the Public Safety Commission and the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee, with the final recommendations submitted to the full City Council.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that any resolution in conflict with this resolution is hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.