



ATTACHMENT A

REQUEST TO PLACE ITEM ON THE AGENDA

(Per Section 1-20 of Governing Standards and Expectations)

Requestor(s): Councilman Ken Wilkerson

Date: Dec 29, 2020

Problem/Issue/Idea Name for Agenda:

Killeen has seen an increase in violent crime, and gang related activity, particularly among our youth and young adult population. This trend is not sustainable, nor should it be acceptable to any of the stakeholders of our city. The problem is complex, and demands an exploratory, comprehensive deep dive into the causes; an analysis of the resources available to address it; and plan to ultimately correct it. The time for rhetoric has passed. A plan with actionable items is needed ASAP to address this problem.

Description of Problem/Issue/Idea:

I do not expect that the police have an answer for crime. Police may have an opinion about what causes crime. However, to expect that they can tell you why a young adult choses to commit crime is not their job or perview. Parents, social scientists, educators, and youth mentors are probably more adept at explaining the causes and potential remedies for this problem. Certainly our police need to be included, but they are not the sole and lone cause or cure. As stated before, this issue is complex.

Requested Action:

I recommend an exploratory committee of stakeholders within our community be formed to study, discuss, and make a plan for a project to deal with this issue in a proactive and comprehensive way immediately.
I recommend that funding be CONSIDERED to possibly hire professionals from the psychology, medical, academic, and civic/religious services communities IF NECESSARY due to the importance of this priority.