



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, August 27th, 2019
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on Tuesday, August 27th, 2019. Chair Michele Asch called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Michele Asch, Vice Chair Shireen Hart, Commissioner Mark Hughes, Commissioner Randall Harp, Commissioner Jabulani Gamache, Commissioner Yuol Herjok Yuol, and Youth Commissioner Landen Nipper. Also present: Deputy Chief Jon Murad, Corporal Kratochvil, Data Analyst Nancy Stetson and Commission Clerk Laura Cheney.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

- None

Public Forum

- Serrill Flash expressed concern regarding bicycle safety in Burlington. He would like the city to better address adherence to the speed limit. He also noted that he'd like to see officers on bikes while on duty.

Chief's Report - Deputy Chief Jon Murad

- There has been over 2000 incidents responded to in the past month, with a wide range of levels of urgency, one involving a suicide at a downtown parking garage.
- We swore in three new officers, who are now at the VPA for basic training.
- We partnered with the Mayor to host an event with the author of Dopesick, Beth Macy, to speak about initiatives related to the opioid epidemic.
- The fence at City Hall Park went up earlier in the month, displacing many undomiciled individuals that have resided in that area.
- A meeting of the Committee to Review Policing convened for the first time today.
- We had a 2nd Creemee with a Cop last week at The Bagel Cafe with great attendance.
- Commissioner Hughes requested Sonny Provetto to share more on his work with the Dept.
 - Clerk Cheney will help to facilitate this.
- Commissioner Hughes asked if there could be a template for the Chiefs report to provide some reliable and consistent insight.
 - Commissioner Hughes motioned to create a template, no second; the motion did not carry.

Task Force Update

- Commissioner Gamache note the committee made introductions and addressed process and scheduling. There is a great mix of people and high level of engagement.
- Chair Asch requested the meeting schedule, so commissioners can attend.
 - Clerk Cheney can send along meeting times/dates as they are scheduled.

Review Role of Police Commission in Citizen Complaints

- Chair Asch asked if there were any questions from commissioners. Since making the requested edits from the Public Safety Committee, we will now go back with the changes.
- Commissioner Hughes asked if Act 56 had been considered in the development and implementation of the resolution.
 - DC Murad would defer to DC Wright and will share the internal directives with the Commission.
 - Vice Chair Hart noted that Act 56 is tangential, but does not fall under the responsibilities of the commission.

- Commissioner Hughes noted that VCJTC would want to be informed of internal investigations.
- Vice Chair Hart noted that commissioners need time to further review Act 56.
- Commissioner Hughes requested that the City Attorney confirm it is not in conflict with Act 56.
- Commission Harp noted he does not see any conflict between the two.

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- Chair Asch suggested moving forward with the policy, and that changes can be made going forward if there is a conflict.

Use of Technology in Assisting Investigations

- Commissioner Harp would like to understand any partnerships the department has, or plans to have in the future, in assisting investigations and if they are guided by any policy.
- Chair Asch suggested revisiting at the next meeting.

Car Stop Data Report – Follow up Questions/Concerns

- None

Commendations

- Several commendations received over the previous month were shared.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments

- Chair Asch requested that any commissioners unable to attend a meeting should give her warning.

Consent Minutes of July 30th Meeting

- Vice Chair Hart motioned to approve, Commissioner Hughes seconded.

Voting: Unanimous, minutes approved

Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

- Next meeting – September 24th
- Items: Social Media, Use of Technology

Executive Session

- None needed

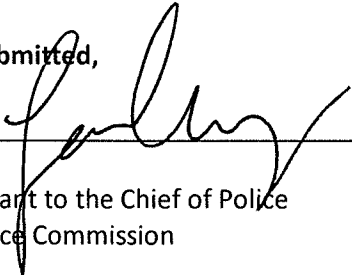
Adjournment

- Commissioner Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Vice Chair Hart.

Voting: Unanimous, motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Cheney
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Clerk of the Police Commission

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