

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017**. Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Sarah Kenney, Co-Chair Christine Kemp Longmore, Commissioner Jim Dunn, Commissioner Robert Simpson, Commissioner Andrew Plumley, and Commissioner Shireen Hart. Also present: Police Chief Brandon del Pozo and Brion Houston, Police Commission Clerk.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda:

~ Agenda items 5 and 6 are the same. There are two item number 9's.

Public Forum:

~ Rachel Siegel from the Peace and Justice Center again asked that the city fund filming of Police Commission meetings, so that the duty won't fall to cash-stopped nonprofits to help promote transparency.

Update on Ride-Along Proposal, Ward Nial:

~ Chair Kenney asked Ward Nial for an update on the ride-along proposal and asked Chief del Pozo for some insight. Chief del Pozo stated he will provide an answer to Ward next week regarding an update.

Update on Fair and Impartial Policing Policy/Sanctuary City :

~ Chair Kenney addressed the commission, stating so far, there has been one public forum which was well attended, including by Commission members and Chief del Pozo held at Migrant Justice. Chair Kenney proposed she would like to enter her notes into a supporting document in addition to these minutes from this meeting. Commissioner Kemp Longmore states that it was a successful meeting. Chair Kenney states there will be two more public forums in March; March 22nd at Champlain College and another meeting March 23 at St. Joseph's School.

Update on Resolution Related to the Role of the Police Commission: - Sara Giannoni, City Councilor

~ Chair Kenney introduced City Councilor Sara Giannoni to the table. Sara stated a concern for her is that she does not feel comfortable voting on something without getting a real involvement with communities that may be negatively impacted by involvements with police. Sara states the commission should look at its mission statement and the demographics of various communities, as they could help building a relationship to easily access the Commission. Chair Kenney states that all Commissioners appeared to agree there needs to be some community insight on the roll of the Police Commission. Commissioner Hart moved to send this statement as a communication to the Public Safety Committee:

- Burlington Police Commission discussed conversations about our role.

- Recommend a process for engaging the community in their input about possible models for the commission and the community's perspective and expectations prior to any charter change or resolution relating to the role of the BPC.

Commissioner Hart motioned to moved to accept statements, Commissioner Plumley seconded, all Commissioners were in favor, motion passed.

Analysis of Annual Searches-Smell of Marijuana as Pretext for Searches:

~ Chair Kenney asked if there was any data available to show the smell of marijuana as a pretext for a search. Chief del Pozo stated a pretext is something that is not relevant for a search. Chief del Pozo stated that the smell is a legit level of suspicion about contraband in the vehicle. Chief del Pozo reported that in 2015, of the 12 searches of vehicles with Black drivers, 8 or 9 involved the smell of marijuana as a factor. Chief del Pozo stated there will be 2016 search data ready for analyzing in the near future.

Chief's Report:

~ Chief del Pozo stated there are some folks talking about the need of training with input from the community regarding quality interactions with the community. Chief del Pozo stated there is an approach to increase amount of officers out on foot and hiring a civilian training and special projects coordinator. Chief del Pozo stated there are approximately a dozen of applicants with diverse backgrounds that will be reviewed as the position has now closed. Chief del Pozo stated the AALV meetings have been successful. Chief del Pozo stated the City has released the 11 Principles on the Opioid crisis. Chief del Pozo stated that we are close to closing on an agreement with some healthcare providers with access to 24-hour clinical screening for treatment.

Review of Any Incoming Correspondence {as need}:

~ None at this time.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments:

~ Commissioner Kemp Longmore stated the CCALEOVT Stakeholders group will hold another meeting on March 29th.

Review Updated Directives:

~ None at this time.

Consent Agenda - Minutes of Previous Commission Meetings:

~ With all Commissioners in favor of accepting the agenda and previous minutes, acceptance granted.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:

- ~ Next meeting will be March 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
- ~ Draft report to City Council re: Update on Sanctuary City.
- ~ Update on ride-along to Ward Nial.
- ~ Research on other Commissions "Roles of Police Commissions".

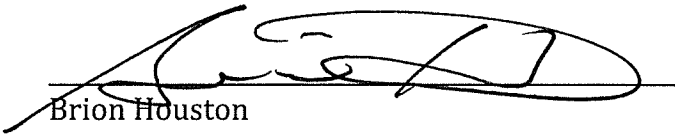
Executive Session:

~ Chair Kenney moved to enter executive session to discuss a disciplinary or dismissal action against a public employee at 8:04 PM. Chair Kenney stated the Commission will come out of executive session to adjourn. Commissioner Plumley seconded motion; Commission entered executive session with all Commissioners in favor.

Adjournment:

~ Commissioner Simpson motioned to adjournment at 8:29 PM. Chair Kenney seconded. Commission adjourned with all Commissioners in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brion Houston
Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police
Clerk of Police Commission

3/30/2017
Date