

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, OCTOBER 24, 2017**. Chair Kemp Longmore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Christine Kemp Longmore, Vice Chair Shireen Hart, Commissioner Michele Asch, Commissioner Robert Simpson, Commissioner Nyree Miles, Commissioner Jim Dunn, and Commissioner Peter Bahrenburg. Also present: Acting-Police Commission Clerk Corporal Eric Kratochvil.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda:

~ No additions

Public Forum:

~ No public comments.

Chief's Report:

~ Deputy Chief Burke explained that he would be filling in for Chief del Pozo, who is at a police chief conference in Philadelphia.

~ Deputy Chief Burke praised the efforts of patrol officers and investigators in responding to the homicide at Hyde St.

~ Deputy Chief Burke explained he would be going to Rutland for a court hearing in the ACLU suit against the city regarding homeless encampments. Chair Kemp Longmore asked about whether safety was the primary concern regarding the city removing homeless encampments. Deputy Chief Burke responded that public safety and ecological concerns are the primary reasons the city might remove encampments.

Complaint Packet Review:

~ Chair Kemp Longmore discussed with the Commission the new role of oversight and the value of them being able catch potential officer wellness issues that might drive complaints as well.

Update on the Ride-a-long Project:

~ Commissioner Bahrenburg asked about what this project is. Chair Kemp Longmore explained the goal of this project is to help people who experience mental health issues and officers to have positive interactions and work past myths of mental illness.

Update on the Annual Commission Report:

~ Chair Kemp Longmore discussed this report being due in June and that they will reach out to past Chair Kenney. Commissioner Dunn asked about the format of the report, and Deputy Chief Burke responded that the Department should be able to make previous reports available for their use as a template.

Update from the work of the AG Racial Disparities Panel:

~ Chair Kemp Longmore explained that she chairs this and there will be a meeting on November 14 at the Fox Office Complex in Waterbury at 6PM.

~ Chair Kemp Longmore explained the goal of that panel is to create a report with recommendations for three areas:

- A public complaint process
- Expanding data collection beyond traffic stops
- Whether and how to prevent racial profiling

Report of Ccaleovt Public Forum on Community Policing held on 10/18:

~ Chair Kemp Longmore explained this was held in the public library and was lively and enjoyable.

~ It lasted 2 hours, with pizza supplied by the Peace and Justice Center.

~ There were youth present and it was a successful community building event.

~ They will regroup and figure out capacity building before the next meeting, probably in January or February.

~ Chair Kemp Longmore thanked Chief del Pozo, Deputy Chief Burke, Officer Ronald Kikonyogo, and State's Attorney Sarah George for attending.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments:

~ Chair Kemp Longmore explained the Commission had held its animal control hearing the day prior. Their attorney is working on the order, and they plan to make it available in short time.

~ Commissioner Dunn said that he will follow up with the city's Chief Innovation Officer, Beth Anderson, about the recurring request by Rachel Siegel from the Peace and Justice Center that the City of Burlington fund televised coverage of Commission meetings.

Review Updated Directives:

~ Deputy Chief Burke explained there are four updated directives for Commission review and approval:

- DD 7.1 Crash Investigation
 - Commissioner Asch motioned to pass, Vice Chair Hart seconded, and it passed with all Commissioners in favor.
- DD 7.2 Traffic Enforcement
 - Vice Chair Hart motioned to pass, Commissioner Asch seconded it, and it passed with all Commissioners in favor.
- DD 7.3 Traffic Control, Hazards, and Escorts
 - Commissioner Dunn motioned to pass, Commissioner Asch seconded, and it passed with all Commissioners in favor.
- DD14.1 Body Worn Camera Systems
 - Commissioner Dunn motioned to table this directive until they have had more time to consider it, as some Commissioners had not yet had a chance to review it. Vice Chair Hart seconded the motion, and the motion passed with all Commissioners in favor.

Consent Agenda – Minutes of Previous Commission Meetings:

~ Commission motioned to accept, and all Commissioners voted in favor.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:

~ Chair Kemp Longmore suggested they carry over the ride-a-long project, discussion of the annual report, and their new role of police oversight.

~ Chair Kemp Longmore also said that she would like to talk about her experiences in talking with people who have had complaints about officers.
~ Vice Chair Hart stated the next meeting would be after Thanksgiving, 11/28/17.

Executive Session:

~ Vice Chair Hart motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Chair Kemp Longmore seconded, Commissioners in favor; Commission entered executive session at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment:

~ At approximately 7:38 the Commission adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Corporal Eric Kratochvil
Acting Clerk of the Police Commission

10/30/2017

Date