

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, June 27, 2017
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, June 27, 2017**. Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Sarah Kenney, Co-Chair Christine Kemp Longmore, Commissioner Jim Dunn, Commissioner Robert Simpson, Commissioner Shireen Hart and Commissioner Nyree Miles. Also present: Police Chief Brandon del Pozo and Deputy Chief Jannine Wright (filling in for Police Commission Clerk Brion Houston). Burlington Police Department Training Coordinator Constance Crisp was present as well as Officer Kratochvil.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda:

~ Chair Kenney advised there were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Public Forum:

~Jared Wood addressed the Commission in regards to pedestrian safety. He believes there should be more education surrounding safety for pedestrians from automobiles, specifically when it comes to stop sign violations. He has a lot of support for a walk-able city and hopes the Commission can be the "spirit carrier."

~Mark Porter, the Chairman of the School Board and member of the DPW Commission addressed the Commission in regards to traffic safety as well. He said there is a conflict between line of sight and the location of stop signs. Parking continues to be a problem in the city and it is scarce and he wonders if we will lose parking spaces because of this. He would like to see an awareness campaign between DPW and BPD for drivers who need to be re-educated on where the stop line is at intersections. He gave examples of dangerous situations and locations.

~Richard Hillyard addressed the Commission in regards to traffic safety and bicycles. He said it has been a problem for a long time and he has seen a number of cyclists near the University that have disrespectful behavior. He would like to see a campaign for education and enforcement. He said East Avenue had asked for traffic calming because of the perception of speeding. He said BPD was contacted and he was told that resources were tight for traffic enforcement. He later got an email from an officer that worked a traffic detail in the area who wrote \$1700 worth of tickets and it substantiated what the neighbors had been saying. Richard advised Chapin Spencer said there is a three to four year queue for traffic safety in that area and they may be able to address it in 2020-2021.

~Rachel Siegel, Executive Direction of the Peace and Justice Center, addressed the Commission regarding funding for Channel 17 to broadcast the Police Commission meetings. Currently, they are using the time of volunteers to record the meetings. She said it seems appropriate for the City to pay for their own recording. If the City would contract with Channel 17, their technicians could do the recording and they wouldn't have issues with equipment like tonight (a forgotten microphone stand.) Siegel also said she would like Jada Longmore's report to be put into the notes of the meeting.

~Max Tracy, City Councilor, attended the Commission meeting to thank Commissioner Kenney for her leadership and hard work on the Police Commission and representing the City. He also spoke about bike/pedestrian traffic safety issues. He would encourage everyone to look at the report for model transport.

~Chief del Pozo responded regarding the traffic safety concerns and said there were 1,100 fewer traffic stops YTD and crashes were slightly lower. He asked how much enforcement really impacted safety. He believes if there are other ways to educate, it should be done but traffic engineering is the safest strategy. He said he was not completely sold on increasing enforcement and wants to continue pursuing campaigns with Local Motion and would like a Fall campaign once the students return for the year.

Update of the Police Commission Role Pilot:

~ Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney and Officer Eric Kratochvil spoke about a draft resolution of the Fair and

Impartial Policing Policy (FIPP). The recommendation from the Public Safety Committee was to try the policy until January of 2018 and then revisit. It was requested that someone from the City Attorney's Office be invited back to the July meeting so they could have a discussion regarding the confidential portal for Commissioners. The City Council passed the FIPP. There has been a request it be sent to Rick Gauthier, Director of the Vermont Police Academy.

Commission Reorganization and Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

~Chair Kenney reviewed the duties of the Chair and others and she suggested a number of the duties be delegated to other commissioners.

Chair Kenney nominated Commissioner Longmore to Chair. Commissioner Hart seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Simpson nominated Commissioner Hart for Vice Chair. Commissioner Hart nominated Commissioner Simpson. Commissioner Simpson declined. Commissioner Hart requested the issue be tabled until Commissioner Plumley was present. Agreed.

Chief's Report:

~ Chief del Pozo thanked Chair Kenney for her service to the Police Department and the City.

~Certain parts of the entrance exam for the Vermont Police Academy have been re-written. The local diverse population continues to fail this exam. A guide to the exam has been officially published.

~Chief del Pozo introduced Training and Special Projects Coordinator Constance Crisp who was present at the meeting.

~ Chief del Pozo stated statewide bicycle training was conducted and BPD now has eight trained bicycle officers.

~Chief del Pozo stated Analyst Fowler is working with Professor Seguino on the 2016 race data.

~Chief del Pozo is hoping for six new officers at the August police academy.

~There is a new website for recruitment of officers and other employees.

Review of Any Incoming Correspondence *(as need)* :

~ There was no correspondence to review.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments:

~ Commissioner Longmore would like the discussion about ride-a-longs to be revisited.

Review Updated Directives:

~ No updated directives to review.

Consent Agenda – Minutes of Previous Commission Meetings:

~ Commissioner Hart motioned to accept, Commissioner Simpson seconded, motion passed.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:

~ The next meeting is July 25th, 2017.

~Add Election of Vice Chair and Commission Organization to the Agenda. (Commissioner Dunn will not be present.)

~Police Commission Role Pilot to start.

~Reminder for Clerk Houston to remind the Commission at the December meeting to relay information to the Public Safety Committee on the findings from the Pilot.

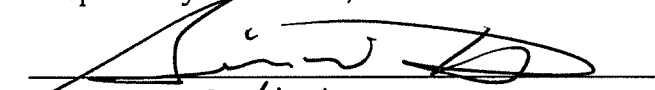
Executive Session:

~ Commissioner Dunn motioned to move into executive session at 8:30 PM. Chair Kenney seconded, motion passed to enter executive session.

Adjournment:

~ Chair Kenney advised that the commission adjourned following executive session at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jannine Wright", is written over a horizontal line.

07/21/2017

Date

Jannine Wright / *bnh*
Deputy Chief of Police
(Acting) Clerk of the Police Commission