

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23RD, 2012 MEETING

5:00 p.m. Non-Public Session – Wm. Mortimer Conference Room, PPD

6:00 p.m. Public Session – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, Portsmouth City Hall

John F. Golumb, Chairman

Gerald W. Howe

John C. Russo

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The chairman called the January 23rd, 2013 monthly police commission public session to order at 5:05 p.m. in the William Mortimer Conference Room at the Portsmouth Police Department.

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as per RSA 91-A:3, II.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to go into non-public session at 5:06 p.m.

Chairman Golumb called the public session back to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

Present during the public session: Commissioners Golumb, Howe, and Russo, Chief Stephen DuBois, Deputy Chief Corey MacDonald, Admin. Manager Karen Senecal, Exec. Assistant Kathleen Levesque, members of the public and the press

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:**
December 19th, 2012

Action: Commissioner Russo moved to accept the minutes and place them on file.

Seconded by Commissioner Howe.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted to accept the minutes and place them on file.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. POLICE COMMISSION:

1. Personnel Items that require action:

Action: Commissioner Russo moved to appoint John F. Golumb as Chair of the Police Commission for 2013.

Seconded by Commissioner Howe.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Commissioner Russo moved to appoint Gerald W. Howe as Clerk of the Commission for 2013.

Seconded by Commissioner Golumb.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to appoint Officer Chris Kiberd to master patrol officer status.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to appoint Officer Eric Kinsman to master patrol officer status.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to suspend the agenda and open the meeting for public comment at this time.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Golumb opened the meeting to any members of the public who wished to make comments to the commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Mark Brighton of Union Street – Said he was led to believe the Chief will lay out the cuts that will have to be made to get to a budget ceiling of 4%. He said he felt it was a blessing that the state had pushed the retirement costs down to the towns and cities so that “we can finally find out the true cost of these

contracts.” Mr. Brighton stated that the only people who made out in this economy are the members of the public employees’ unions. Now, the Chief was in the position of having to decide how to do him the least amount of harm in cutting public safety for residents.

B. CHIEF OF POLICE:

1. Swearing-in of Officers Lynn Thomas and Roland Dupuis. These officers were hired last year before this present budget cycle. They immediately went into the police academy, and had not had the opportunity for a formal swearing in ceremony.

2. Grants & Donations:

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to accept a grant in the amount of \$25,332.88 from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety for the purchase of seven additional radios as part of the Part II Local Law Enforcement Radio Interoperability initiative.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to accept the grant and forward to the city council for their action.

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the State of New Hampshire Department of Justice in support of a DV/SA Victim Advocate for the Portsmouth Police Department.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to accept the grant and forward to the city council for their action.

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to accept the following donations in support of the Portsmouth Police Cadet Explorer Post:

- \$135.00 from Mr. J. Page
- \$35.00 from Ms. J. Spear
- \$50.00 from Mr. F. Mastan

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On Roll Call Votes: The board voted unanimously for each motion; they will be forwarded to the city council for their action.

Chief DuBois asked Karen Senecal to give the commission a financial update. Karen also updated everyone one on the status of the rat infestation in the police department.

3. **FY '14 Budget Presentation** – Using a short PowerPoint presentation, Chief DuBois reviewed the cuts that are coming under the 4% budget ceiling proposed by the city council in greater detail.

At the conclusion of the Chief's presentation, Chairman Golumb offered the public another opportunity to comment on the Police Commission's proposed budget.

Mr. Mark Brighton of Union Street approached the podium and thanked the Chief for coming up with a scenario that he felt would do him the least harm. He commented he understood the proposed cuts would increase the level of potential harm to the officers themselves, because there would be fewer of them. He said he does not want to see officers getting hurt. He closed by saying he would rather see the police department get what it needs and have the cuts come from elsewhere in the town. He suggested the commission present the 7% to the council and hold their ground.

C. PATROL SERVICES DIVISION

This report is contained in the commission's packet.

D. CITY PROSECUTOR REPORT

This report is contained in the commission's packet.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS:

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to accept the division reports and place one copy on file.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to accept the division reports and place them on file.

The Chair gave out the date and time of the next monthly meeting.

There being no further business before the commission, the chairman asked for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Commissioner Russo moved the January 23rd, 2013 meeting of the police commission be adjourned.

Seconded by Commissioner Howe.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion at 6:45 p.m.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Next Meeting – *WEDNESDAY, February 20th, 2013 in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, Portsmouth City Hall. The public session will begin at 6:00 p.m.*

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*Respectfully Submitted By Kathleen Levesque, Executive Assistant
Reviewed By Commissioner Howe, Clerk of the Commission*

Gerald W. Howe