

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22nd, 2014 MEETING

10:00 a.m. Public Session – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, City Hall

**John F. Golumb, Chairman
Gerald W. Howe
Brenna Cavanaugh**

I. CALL TO ORDER: The October 22nd, 2014 monthly police commission public session was called to order at 9:00 a.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 Cavanaugh.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to go into non-public session at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Golumb called the public session back to order at 10:07 a.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chief DuBois led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON:
September 17th, 2014

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

Seconded by Commissioner Cavanaugh.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed unanimously to accept the minutes and place one copy on file.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None.

Public comment is limited to three minutes per person. There was no public comment.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. POLICE COMMISSION:

B. CHIEF OF POLICE

1. **A grant** in the amount of \$260,254 was accepted from the Dept. of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This grant provides funding for FY '14 federal fiscal year.
2. **Donations:**
 - a.) A donation in the amount of \$3,000 from the Banyan Fund under the aegis of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald W. Howe, to defray the cost of producing and airing Public Service Announcements regarding the department's opiate addiction initiative. This is the second of two donations made by Mr. Howe and his wife, Ms. Jocelyn Frechette, to support this initiative.
 - b.) Donations as follow in support of the Explorer Cadets:
 1. A donation in the amount of \$50 from retired Chief David Ferland
 2. A donation in the amount of \$25 from former Commissioner Wm. Mortimer
 3. A donation in the amount of \$400 from the "Friends of the South End".

Action: Commissioner Cavanaugh moved to accept the grant and donations and forward to the city council for their action.

Seconded by Commissioner Howe.

On a voice vote: The motion passed unanimously to accept the grant and forward to the city council for their action.

3. **Financial Report** – Admin. Manager Karen Senecal updated the commission on the status of current budget expenditures and several software installations.

Chief DuBois indicated we would be able to have a sample of the type of report generated by CrimeView for next month's commission meeting.

Karen added the commission will be able to decide the types of information they would like to pull from the CrimeView software.

Commissioner Cavanaugh asked for an update on the rodent problem.

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

Seconded by Commissioner Cavanaugh.

On a voice vote: The motion passed unanimously to accept the division reports and place one copy on file.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Cavanaugh asked the chair for the floor to address the concerns and comments expressed by city councilors and by certain residents at this weeks' council meeting Monday night. The commissioner expressed her personal concern at the use of inflammatory language by the council...words like "whitewash", "cover-up" are being used. She said we are two government bodies that are supposed to work together, not against each other. Commissioner Cavanaugh said the rate of usage of these kinds of words are alarming. She also pointed out that public input was welcome at both the September commission meeting and at the special commission meeting held when Judge Roberts was impaneled, and no one showed up to give their input regarding the scope of the investigation with which Judge Roberts and his team were charged..

Commissioner Howe also asked the Chair for the floor, and spoke to this matter, saying he has been on the police commission for 16 years and has gone through many trying times. He feels occasionally the commission has to remind the community that both the council and the police commission are two elected bodies, duly elected by the citizens of this community. This government is designed for both bodies to work together. Commissioner Howe closed his remarks by reminding everyone the police commission does not work for the city council.

Chairman Golumb voiced his agreement with everything that had been said by both commissioners and indicated he had nothing to add.

There being no more business before the commission, the chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Commissioner Howe moved the October 22nd, 2014 monthly police commission meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Commissioner Cavanaugh.

On a voice vote: The motion passed unanimously to adjourn the October 22nd, 2014 monthly meeting of the police commission.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, November 19th, in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, Portsmouth City Hall, at 6:00 p.m.



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

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