

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 24TH, 2016
MONTHLY POLICE COMMISSION MEETING**

4:30 p.m. Public Session – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

**Brenna Cavanaugh, Chair
Joseph J. Onosko
Joe Plaia**

*****UNAPPROVED*****

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the May 24th, 2016 monthly police commission meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

(A video archive of the entire meeting can be viewed online by going to the city’s website and clicking “Channel 22”, and then clicking on “Archived 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 meetings.”)

II. NON PUBLIC SESSION

ACTION: Commissioner Plaia moved to go into a non-public session as provided for under RSA 91-A:3 II (a), (c).

Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously to enter non-public session as provided for under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) as follows:

Commissioner Cavanaugh: “Aye.”
Commissioner Onosko: “Aye.”
Commissioner Plaia: “Aye.”

The commission went into non-public session at 4:31 p.m. and moved to the Wm. Mortimer Conference Room.

The Public session resumed in council chambers at 5:32 p.m.

Present during public session: Commissioners Cavanaugh, Onosko, and Plaia, Chief Mara, Captain Warchol, Admin. Manager Senecal, Exec. Asst. Levesque, Herald reporter Elizabeth Dinan, members of the department and their families.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Captain Frank Warchol led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action: Commissioner Onosko moved to suspend the rules to recognize the retiring K-9 Team.

Seconded by Commissioner Plaia.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to suspend the rules to recognize the retiring K-9 Team.

Chief Mara recognized Officer Scott Pearl and K-9 ‘Steel’ for their work, and presented them with a plaque on behalf of the department. Officer Pearl talked about some of his memorable tracking calls, and a PowerPoint presentation showed pictures of Scott and Steel training and working. Officer Pearl’s K-9 duties will conclude at the end of this month, and he will continue working for the department as a patrol officer.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

Action: Commissioner Plaia moved to accept the minutes of the April 26th, 2016 meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to accept the minutes of the April 26th, 2016 meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Retirement of Auxiliary Officer Charles Schwartzmiller:

Action: Commissioner Plaia moved to accept Auxiliary Officer Charles Schwartzmiller’s retirement from the Auxiliary Unit.

Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to accept the retirement of Auxiliary Officer Charles Schwartzmiller.

Mr. Schwartzmiller will continue in his part-time capacity as the department’s fleet manager.

- b. Commissioner Cavanaugh:

- a. Police Commission’s Monthly Meeting Schedule – The Chair feels there is currently no pressing need to continue the scheduled work sessions over the summer. Perhaps we may need to revisit

them in the fall as the permanent search moves forward. After discussion it was agreed to meet once a month on the 4th Tuesday as per the current schedule. Additional meetings will happen with prior notice.

- b. Semi-Annual Report to the City Council as Required by City Charter. There were no questions from the commission on the report submitted by Karen Senecal.

Action: Commissioner Plaia moved to accept the report and forward to the city council as required by charter.

Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to accept the report and forward to the city council as required by charter.

C. CHIEF OF POLICE

a. Donations:

- 1. **A donation in the amount of \$75 in support of the Portsmouth Explorer Cadets from Ms. Melissa Thuet**

Action: Commissioner Plaia moved to accept the donation of \$75 in support of the Portsmouth Explorer Cadets from Ms. Melissa Thuet, and forward to the city council for their action.

Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to accept the donation of \$75 in support of the Portsmouth Explorer Cadets from Ms. Melissa Thuet and forward to the city council for their action.

b. Financial Report

The Chair requested information from Karen on the status of the IACP contract. Karen will request the legal department set up an appointment with the commission to review the contract.

D. PATROL DIVISION – This report is contained in the packet.

VII. COURT OFFICE REPORT – This report is contained in the packet.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER BUSINESS – None

IX. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – The next commission meeting will be Tuesday, June 28th, 2016 in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers with the usual 4:30/5:30 p.m. start time.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Action: Commissioner Plaia moved to adjourn the May 24th, 2016 police commission meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to adjourn the May 24th, 2016 police commission meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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*Respectfully Submitted By Kathleen Levesque, Executive Assistant
Commissioner Plaia, Clerk of the Commission
Joe Plaia*