

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2018 POLICE COMMISSION
MEETING

5:30 p.m. Public Session – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

Joseph J. Onosko, Chair
Jim Splaine
Rev. Dr. Arthur Hilson

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The September 25th, 2018 monthly Police Commission meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. in the Wm. Mortimer Room of the police department for the purpose of going into non-public session.

The Chair called for a motion to go into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91:A, 3-II (a), “Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee...”, (c), “Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person...”, and (i), “consideration of matters related to the preparation for...emergency functions...”

Action: Commissioner Splaine moved to enter non-public session for the purposes delineated above.

Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Onosko:	“Aye.”
Commissioner Splaine:	“Aye.”
Commissioner Hilson:	“Aye.”

The motion passed to go into non-public session at 1:10 a.m.

The public session was called back to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers. (An archived video of the meeting is available on the city’s website.)

The following people were present: Commissioners Onosko, Splaine, and Hilson, Chief Robert Merner, Admin. Manager Karen Senecal, Exec. Assistant Kathleen Levesque, Ms. Emily Losier.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Exec. Assistant Kathleen Levesque led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**
The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes.

Action: Commissioner Hilson moved to accept the minutes of the August 21st, 2018 as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Splaine.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to accept the minutes of the August 21st, 2018 meeting as written.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (The following is a brief summary of each person's comments, and represents the speaker's personal opinion. The entire meeting can be viewed online by going to the City's website and scrolling down the home page of the City's website to "Recent Meeting Broadcast", or "City YouTube Channel..." which is in the blue box just below it.)

There being no one wishing to speak, the Chair closed the public comment section.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Action: Commissioner Splaine moved to suspend the rules, and move to item 1 under, **"B. CHIEF OF POLICE"**.

Seconded by Commissioner Hilson.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to suspend the rules and move to item 1 under, **"B. CHIEF OF POLICE"**.

B. CHIEF OF POLICE:

1. **Recognition of Ms. Emily Losier for her work with the officers conducting sobriety checkpoints.**

The Commission returned to the agenda as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. POLICE COMMISSION:

1. Commissioner Splaine:

- a. Body Cameras and Dash Cams – The document is attached to these minutes. The Commissioner expanded on his remarks from last August. He said the two questions that need to be answered are, is it a good fit for Portsmouth, and if not, Why not?

Action: Commissioner Splaine moved to accept this proposal for consideration being offered in writing with a review group to consider body cams and dash cams as written.

Commissioner Splaine withdrew the motion so discussion might refine the motion.

Commission Hilson said he would accept Commissioner Splaine's document as a working draft. Commissioner Onosko asked to refine the process by which citizens would be selected. The Commission discussed the process. The Commission decided the deadline for submission from interested citizens would be Wednesday, October 17th, 2018.

Commission Splaine felt the review group should hold at least two open public sessions. He restated the closing statement contained in his written proposal attached to the meeting packet.

Action: Commission Splaine moved to adopt the proposal as written as a working draft for creation of a review group to consider body cams and dash cams.

Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to adopt the proposal as written as a working draft for creation of a review group to consider body cams and dash cams.

B. CHIEF OF POLICE, cont'd:

2. Chief Merner read a thank you into the record that he received earlier this week regarding the actions of Sgt. Kaltenborn.
3. Accreditation Report
4. Traffic Stats for August:

- a. 1,017 stops
- b. 122 Summonses
 - i. 24 summonses for speeding
 - ii. 27 for hand-free violations

5. Financial Report:

- a. Grant Report – Chief Merner spoke about the prospectively awarded grant by the Department of Homeland Security for equipment that will be used for FEMA, Homeland Security, and public safety issues.

Action: Commissioner Hilson moved to accept the prospectively awarded Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$69,638 for an unmanned aerial surveillance vehicle (UAS) and forward to the City Council for their action.

Seconded by Commissioner Splaine.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to accept the prospectively awarded Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$69,638 for an unmanned aerial surveillance vehicle (UAS) and forward to the City Council for their action.

- b. Facility Report -

C. PATROL DIVISION:

- a. This report is included in the commission packet.

VII. COURT OFFICE REPORT:

- a. This report is included in the commission packet.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER BUSINESS:

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018, with the public session beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

Action: Commissioner Hilson moved the September 25th, 2018 Monthly Police Commission Meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Commissioner Splaine.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to adjourn the September 25th, 2018
Monthly Police Commission Meeting at 6:33 p.m.

END OF MEETING

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Respectfully Submitted By Kathleen Levesque, Executive Assistant

Reviewed By Commissioner Hilson, Clerk of the Commission

Arthur L. Hilson