



BURLINGTON POLICE COMMISSION
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL 149 CHURCH STREET, 2ND FLOOR
BURLINGTON, VT 05401
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 23, 2024

1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Rao called the meeting to order at 06:24 pm due to technical difficulties.

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Five Commissioners were present, constituting a Quorum.

1.3. Additions or Modifications to Agenda

Motion made to approve minutes made by Commissioner Oski, seconded by Commissioner Susan Comeford.

VOTING: Unanimous, motion carries.

2. Commission Actions

2.1. Approve the Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting on 03/26/24

3. Public Forum

3.1. The public is invited to address the Commission

New North End Resident: Shared a story of visiting Branson, Missouri and speaking with a bartender about the bartender's experience getting sober post an arrest and subsequent stay in rehab. The speaker finished sharing their experience talking with this bartender's story by stating that "I know some people think that you're exhibiting kindness or harm, reduction if you don't arrest people for committing certain crimes like low level drug dealers drug users and shoplifters, but I see just the opposite. The kind of thing you can do is arrest them and get them into rehab."

Counselor Grant: Began by addressing statements shared by the NNE resident who spoke first in a public forum by stating that while they agree that, dependent on the circumstances of an individual, if they are committing crimes, they should be arrested, and the importance of then offering services to those individuals. Saying " We need to be sure. That we have sufficient resources to support and to help people who want to be in recovery. While the wait times have gone down, there are still wait times." So when we have individuals in our community, who could be ready to take that step toward recovery it is important that they would not have the resources available to them.

Councilor Grant, shared concerns that the commission had not submitted an annual report for the previous year, and suggested that this year the commission submit a report covering both years. Counselor Grant also shared that the Public Safety Committee was looking for updates on CNA items that were assigned to the commission with a due date of May of last year. Councilor Grant also, shared an understanding of the work of the commission from while she served as a member of it, while also highlighting a desire that there

should be a representation of the central district on the Police Commission.

4. Police Department Items

Chief Murad, presented the Chief's report highlighting ongoing efforts and updates in department operations and outreach initiatives.

4.1. Chief's Report

4.2. Review draft copy of DD40

5. Use of Force Report

5.1. March Use of Force report

5.2. April Use of Force Report

6. Commissioner Comments

7. Commendations

8. Commission Business

8.1. City of Burlington Dog Task Force Report - Discussion

8.2. Police Commission Annual Report for 2023 (discussion and formation of subcommittee)

8.3. Continued discussion of recommendations to joint committee on charter change of police oversight

8.4. BWC camera policy discussion and approval

9. Adjournment

9.1. Motion to Adjourn

10. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

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