

**Police Commission
Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Remote via Zoom and In-person in Contois Auditorium, City Hall
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present: Jessica Oski (Acting Chair), Jack Keefe, Robert Depper, Mary Cox (Remote), Susan Comerford (Remote)

Staff Present: Jon Murad (Police Chief), Jessica Brown (City Attorney), Kristen Kaichen (Administrative Assistant)

Public Present: Mike Conroy, Todd DeLuca

1. Adopt the Agenda

1.01 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Oski.

1.02 Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All commissioners present except for Commissioner Rao.

1.03 Additions or Modifications to the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to add Item 4.3, "All In" Report by Chief Murad and Q&A for 45 minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Cox. No objection.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Adopt Minutes

2.01 Motion to Approve and Adopt Draft Minutes from October 22, 2024

Motion to approve the draft minutes from October 22, 2024 as written.

Motion by Commissioner Keefe, Seconded by Commissioner Depper

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

3. Public Forum

3.01 The public is invited to address the Commission

Mike Conroy spoke to the Commission concerning the state of public safety in Burlington and requested to know the reason Chief Murad resigned in the interest of transparency. Conroy also

noted wondering if the City is treating BPD's needs with enough urgency, in light of the police union survey featured in a recent VTDigger article, and said the City needs to organize more positive press for BPD.

Todd DeLuca of Ward 4 commended Sergeant Vivori and Officer LaCouture for their professional and effective conduct in two separate encounters.

Public Forum closed at 6:15 PM.

4. Police Department Business

4.01 Chief's Report

Chief Murad presented the Department's October report.

4.02 Use of Force Report

There was no use of force report.

4.03 "All In" Presentation by Chief Murad and Q&A

Chief Murad reviewed a presentation given to BPD officers and staff to clarify the Department's goals and mission and speak to rebuilding efforts and obstacles.

5. Commission Business

5.01 Commission Business

Commissioner Cox noted wanting to touch on data at the next meeting.

6. Commendations

6.01 Officer Commendations

Kolby Snellenberger, principal of Edmunds Elementary, extended appreciation for BPD, emphasizing all experiences with officers and staff have been pleasant, and thanked CAIP for its assistance with the school's relocation drill last month.

Lund thanked Chief Murad and BPD for their role in keeping the community safe.

7. Commissioner Comments

7.01 Commissioner Comments

There were no Commissioner comments.

8. Executive Session

8.01 Executive Session

Motion to move for a special finding that premature general knowledge of the Commission's hearing of complaints and personnel matters would clearly place the City or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage.

Motion by Commissioner Depper, Seconded by Commissioner Keefe

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

Motion to move to executive session based upon the special finding pursuant to 1 V.S.A. 3-13 ald.

Motion by Commissioner Comerford, Seconded by Commissioner Depper

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

9. Adjournment

9.01 Motion to Adjourn

The Commission adjourned the public meeting at 7:28 PM.