

Public Safety Committee
Thursday, February 20, 2025
Remote via Zoom
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Melo Grant (Chair), Mark Barlow, Carter Neubieser

Staff Present: Lisa Jones (Paralegal), Hayley McClenahan (Assistant City Attorney)

Public Present: Jacob Alfar, Lauren Bergeron

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM by Councilor Grant.

1. Adopt the Agenda

1.01 Adopt the Agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda as written.

Motion by Councilor Barlow, Seconded by Councilor Grant

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Adopt Minutes

2.01 Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from January 23, 2025

Motion to adopt draft minutes from January 23, 2025 as written.

Motion by Councilor Barlow, Seconded by Councilor Grant

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

3. Public Forum

3.01 Verbal Comments

Jacob Alfar discussed his past experience in working with BPD as a Community Service Officer.

Lauren Bergeron thanked the Committee for their involvement in Grant Street.

4. Chiefs' Reports

4.01 Fire

The Committee reviewed Chief LaChance's Fire Commission report. No action was taken.

4.02 Police

The Committee reviewed Chief Murad's preliminary year-end report for 2024. No action was taken.

5. Data from State's Attorney

5.01 Data from State's Attorney

The Committee reviewed the clearance rate data for the State's Attorney's Office caseload. No action was taken.

6. Mayor's Community Safety Press Conference – New!

6.01 Mayor's Community Safety Press Conference

Councilor Grant discussed the Mayor's new Community Safety Press Conference initiative, which will be held regularly. No action was taken.

7. Community Safety Kiosk Update

7.01 Community Safety Kiosk Update

The Committee discussed progress on their role in the Community Safety Kiosk resolution passed by the Council on September 23, 2024. No action was taken.

8. Police Commission Update

8.01 Outstanding CNA Items

No action was taken.

8.01 Review of BPOA Survey

No action was taken.

9. Updates from Professional Staff

9.01 Updates from Professional Staff

No action was taken.

10. Other Committee Business

10.01 Confirmation of Future Meeting Dates and Guest Ideas for 2025

Councilor Barlow suggested having future Interim Chief Shawn Burke on as a guest. Councilor Grant added Sarah George.

Future meeting dates were set for March 20 and April 17.

11. Adjournment

11.01 Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned with no objection by Councilor Grant at 7:12 PM.

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