

**Public Safety Committee**  
**Thursday, March 20, 2025**  
**Remote via Zoom/In-Person in Queen City Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Burlington,**  
**Vermont**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Melo Grant (Chair), Mark Barlow, Buddy Singh

**Staff Present:** Hayley McClenahan (Assistant City Attorney), Michael LaChance (Fire Chief), Shawn Burke (Interim Police Chief), Lacey Smith (Assistant Director of CAIP)

**Public Present:** Erin Malone, Chris Haessly, Sarah George

Meeting called to order at 5:33 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 Singh*

*Final Resolution: Motion Passes*

*Yes: Unanimous*

**2. Chair Opening Remarks**  
**2.01 Chair Opening Remarks**

Councilor Grant welcomed the new iteration of the Committee, announced that meetings will be hybrid from now on, and talked about Committee goals for this council year. No action was taken.

**3. Adopt Minutes**  
**3.01 Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from March 20, 2025**

No action was taken.

**4. Public Forum**  
**4.01 Verbal Comments**

Erin Malone of Ward 2 Public shared various incidents and activity occurring around their business and home in the last two weeks.

Prabin of Ward 2 voiced concerns for the same area of Hyde St as the previous speaker.

Public forum closed at 5:52.

## **5. Fire Department Reports/Update**

### **5.01 Fire Department Reports/Update**

Chief LaChance reviewed the latest Fire Commission report. No action was taken.

## **6. Conversation with Police Department's Interim Chief Burke**

Chief Burke discussed his goals for BPD with the Committee. State's Attorney Sarah George spoke with the Committee regarding the State's Attorney's Office's partnership with BPD.

### **6.01 Recruitment/Retention Strategies**

#### **6.01.01 \$37,000 video status?**

No action was taken.

#### **6.01.02 Digital Advertising/Social Media Vendor**

No action was taken.

#### **6.01.03 Lateral Transfer Strategy – Can BPD replicate BFD's success?**

No action was taken.

#### **6.01.04 Recruiting team updates**

No action was taken.

### **6.02 Reports/Data - Potential Changes**

No action was taken.

### **6.03 What if BPD is federalized? ICE assistance?**

No action was taken.

### **6.04 CNA Recommendations – DD40? Status of Directives**

No action was taken.

### **6.05 Website Improvements**

No action was taken.

### **6.06 Community Academy**

No action was taken.

**7. CAIP Updates**  
**7.01 CAIP Updates**

Assistant Director Smith reviewed CAIP's latest updates with the Committee.

No action was taken.

**8. Police Commission Partnership – CNA Recommendations Review**  
**8.01 Police Commission Partnership – CNA Recommendations Review**

Councilor Grant discussed the nature of ongoing discussion with the Police Commission Chair to define how the two bodies can support one another.

No action was taken.

**9. Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak Community Safety Press Conferences**  
**9.01 Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak Community Safety Press Conferences**

Councilor Grant noted Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak is hosting monthly Community Safety Press Conferences that are available on the city website and YouTube.

No action was taken.

**10. Overdose Prevention Center**  
**10.01 Overdose Prevention Center**

Councilor Grant recommended the public watch the work session at the last City Council meeting on 4/14 for updates on the Overdose Prevention Center.

No action was taken.

**11. Future Meetings - Hybrid**  
**11.01 Future Meetings - Hybrid**

The Committee discussed what dates and times work best for a regular meeting date.

No action was taken.

**12. Adjournment**  
**12.01 Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned with no objection by Councilor Grant at 7:23 PM.