POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Sarah Kenney, Chair
Board of Police Commissioners

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMUNITY ROOM, ONE NORTH AVENUE
July 25th, 2017, 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

1. Additions or Modifications to Agenda
2. Public Forum
3. Update on the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy
4. Commission Reorganization
5. Chief's Report
6. Review of Any Incoming Correspondence *{as needed}*
7. Commissioners' Updates/Comments
8. Review Updated Directives; *{as needed}*
9. Consent Agenda – Minutes of Previous Commission Meetings
10. Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date
11. Executive Session {*as needed}*
12. Adjournment

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**. Chair Kemp Longmore called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Christine Kemp Longmore, Commissioner Robert Simpson, Commissioner Nyree Miles and Commissioner Shireen Hart. Also present: Police Chief Brandon del Pozo, Deputy Chief Jannine Wright, Police Commission Clerk Brion Houston, Eric Kratochvil, and a member of the Burlington Police Department's Union.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda:
~ Chair Kemp Longmore requests to appoint Animal Control Committee after the public forum.

Public Forum:
~ Ward Nial addressed the Chief regarding the Ride Along program. He and Laurie Emerson, Executive Director of NAMI VT, requested to meet with the Chief directly to better understand the process.
~ Andrea Todd, Community Member, addressed Chief regarding Public Safety dissemination, more specifically NIXLE. Andrea is concerned that the loss of NIXLE has been more of a void for her. Andrea stated that the dissemination approach has come more from social media. Chief del Pozo mentioned that he recognizes the value of instant dissemination, but stated that if there was a need for immediate notifications, the Police Department would use every channel including NIXLE. Chief del Pozo stated that NIXLE is losing users nationwide every day.

Animal Control Committee Appointments:
~ Chair Kemp Longmore states that Commissioners Dunn, Simpson, and Miles have agreed to form the Police Commission Subcommittee, the Animal Control Committee. There will be a Chair named.

Update on the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy:
~ Chief del Pozo stated that he will bring in Constance Crisp, the Training & Special Projects Coordinator who will work on training projects, such as the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy.

Commission Reorganization:
~ Chair Kemp Longmore requested to move this item to the next meeting.

Chief's Report:
~ Chief del Pozo reported that the next swearing-in ceremony will bring the total count of Police Officers to 101. That will allow the Police Department to increase foot patrols and community policing efforts. There will be 6 new Officers; 3 females and 3 males with a diverse background.
~ Chief del Pozo mentioned that there is a new transparency portal online regarding prescribing habits of Vermont Doctors, Use of Force, Recruiting and Diversity, Civilian Complaints and reports. The International Association of Chiefs of Police has invited the Burlington Police Department to present about our efforts of transparency at their Annual Conference in Philadelphia.
~ Chief del Pozo mentioned that the Police Department should have its 2016 analysis of car stops data completed soon.
~ Chief del Pozo stated the North Avenue pilot project has decreased the amount of accidents and traffic violation tickets. The end goal is for safer roadways.

~ Chief del Pozo stated that the City is doing a department wide survey on which meetings are filmed and not filmed, should be filmed, and how they are filmed.
~ Constance just finished rewriting the police exam, making the questions more direct.

Review of Any Incoming Correspondence *{as need}* :
~ Nothing for this meeting.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments:
~ Chair Kemp Longmore mentioned about that CALEO Steering committee will meet, trying to be more active in the public and holding a few fall public forums.
~ City Councilor Dave Hartnett, also a local business owner, explained that in his business it is common to handle employee theft (thousands of dollars, not hundreds) privately (related to the opioid epidemic) and avoid the justice system. Councilor Hartnett stated that this practice has evolved because it is viewed that the justice system does not help to get the business owner any of the money that was taken. Chair Kemp Longmore stated that she wanted to speak to Councilor Hartnett about what the Community Justice Center can provide.

Review Updated Directives:
~ Nothing for this meeting.

Consent Agenda – Minutes of Previous Commission Meetings:
~ Commissioner Hart mentioned the typo of DPQ instead of DPW.
~ Commissioner Simpson motioned to accept agenda and previous minutes (as revised), Commissioner Hart second. All Commissioners are in favor, passed.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:
~ August 22, 2017 is the next meeting.
~ Chair Kemp Longmore requested to add the public hearing of the ACO issue.
~ Chair Kemp Longmore has requested to add to the agenda, to appoint a Vice Chair.
~ Commissioner Simpson requested to add a report in September of what is happening with the opiate crisis. Commissioner Simpson stressed the issue that Rapid Intervention and Drug Court are not reducing the amount of people dying from opioid overdoses. Chief del Pozo mentioned that the closed-door CommStat meeting addresses case by case with a number of Community Partners to tackle the issue. Chief del Pozo stated that what is happening right now is not working.

Executive Session:
~ Not needed for this meeting.

Adjournment:
~ Commissioner Hart motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Simpson seconded, all in favor; Commission adjourned at 7: 06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brion Houston
Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police
Clerk of the Police Commission

07/25/2017
Date