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Meeting started at 6:02 pm

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Commissioners present:

Stephanie Seguino, Melo Grant, Suzy Comerford, Jack Keefe, Kevin Garrison & Shakuntala Rao

Also Present:

Anthony Larrapino, Hayley McClenahan, and Mohamed S. Ibrahim

1. Agenda

1.01 Call to Order

Meeting started at 6:02

1.02 Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Meeting has a quorum

1.03 Additions or Modifications to Agenda

Motion moved by Co-Chair Seguino to include two items to the agenda

1. A discussion of the river watch condo contract as well as as of other off duty contracts;
2. A discussion of the commission's access to unredacted investigative report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Rao

Motion passes unanimously after a vote.

2. Public Forum

2.01 The Public is invited to speak regarding issues of interest for the Commissions consideration.

None.



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3. Commission Business

3.01 A discussion of the river watch condo contract as well as other off duty contract

Co-Chair Seguíno provided updates based on a phone call with the mayor. She reported that there were previous contracts signed-off duty contracts but the City of Burlington gets a priority over any off duty contracts.

River watch condo contract is unique and none of the prior off duty contracts were signed before is similar to it. Mayor has issued a press release about an upcoming conference related to this topic later. Commissioner Rao asked about the city's authority over this kind of contracts. Co-Chair Seguíno said BPOA and the Chief of the police or his/her designee were authorized to sign these contracts. Assistant city attorney Hayley was requested to confirm and was asked to ask assistant city attorney Jarred for more details. Commissioner Comerford asked if PD can use the department's equipment during such contracts. Co-chair Seguíno said the contract allows that and that it was a lieutenant who approved the contract.

Attorney Anthony added that in the contract page 17 section G it doesn't mention to use PD's vehicles just mentioned using their uniform. Assistant city attorney Hayley explained that the role of the city attorney's office is just giving guidance and no authority to give any directions to any party in this matter.

3.02 A discussion of the commission's access to unredacted investigative reports

Co-Chair Seguíno stated that the Burlington Police Commission was a public body appointed by city council and should be treated as such.

Attorney Larrapino said under the charter 184 the commission was an integral part of the city governance and the system of police oversight should be integrated in the city rather than just any other member of the public.

Under the charter the commission enjoys authority and responsibility as delegated from time to time by the resolution by the city council, including resolution dated Nov 2021 which states that the commission has been delegated authority to conduct audits and reviews and evaluations of policies, directives or data in regards to discipline racial disparities or other commission priorities. Conclusion is that the Police Commission shouldn't be treated as external party.

McClenahan explained that the role of the city attorney's office is just giving guidance and no authority to give directions to any party. Under BPOA contract with the city article 15 section G states that in related disciplinary action some information will consider confidential and police commission is one of the parties to declare these information to be confidential. The release of these confidential information comes in the second step and in case of any disciplinary action.

4. Executive Session

4.01 Executive Session

Motion to go to executive session by co-chair Seguíno

Seconded by Commissioner Grant

Motion passes unanimously

Commission entered an executive session after announcing it.

5. Adjournment



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5.01 Motion to Adjourn

Motion moved to adjourn the meeting by co-chair Seguino

Seconded by commissioner Shakuntala

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm