PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27TH, 2017 MONTHLY POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 p.m. Public Session – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

Brenna Cavanaugh, Chair
Joseph J. Onosko
Joe Plaia

I. CALL TO ORDER: The June 27th, 2017 monthly Police Commission meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Wm. Mortimer Room of the police department for the purpose of going into non-public session.

The Chair called for a motion to go into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91:A, 3-II (c), “Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person…”

Action: Commissioner Plaia to enter non-public session for the purpose delineated above.
Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.
On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed as follows:

  Commissioner Cavanaugh: “Aye.”
  Commissioner Onosko: “Aye.”
  Commissioner Plaia: “Aye.”

The motion passed to go into non-public session at 4:30 p.m.

The public session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers. (An archived video of the meeting is available on the city’s website.)

The following people were present: Commissioners Cavanaugh, Onosko, and Plaia, Chief David Mara, Chief Robert Merner, Captain of Operations Frank Warchol, Admin. Manager Karen Senecal, Exec. Assistant Kathleen
Levesque, members of the Mara and Merner families, officers and employees of the police department, the public, and the press.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chief Mara led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**
The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes.

**Action:** Commissioner Plaia moved to accept the minutes of the May 23rd and June 8th, 2017 meetings.
**Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.**
**On a Voice Vote:** The motion passed to accept the minutes of the May 23rd, and June 8th, 2017 meetings.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (The following is a brief summary of each person's comments and represents the speaker's personal opinion. The entire meeting can be viewed online by going to the city's website and clicking “Channel 22”, and then clicking on “Archived 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 meetings.”)

**Mark Brighton, 285 Union Street:** Passed out photos of drinking at Prescott Park on a specific performance date to the dais. He recounted some of the kinds of things that go on with regard to consumption of alcohol at Prescott Park events. He reiterated his concerns about the danger of impaired drivers and the uneven application of enforcement of city statutes.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **POLICE COMMISSION:**

1. Commissioner Cavanaugh:

   a. Prescott Park Arts Festival – Chief Mara briefed the Commission on the department’s plan to address issues associated with the 2017 Prescott Park Arts Festival season.

   - The Chief said he has developed a plan of proactive and reactive measures in collaboration with the city manager. Chief Mara expanded on what the city has in place to address Prescott Park Arts Festival issues.
B. CHIEF OF POLICE:
   1. Promotion of Aux. Sergeant Dave Succi – Long time auxiliary officer
      David Succi was promoted to the rank of Auxiliary Lieutenant.

VII. PATROL DIVISION REPORT
This report is contained in the Commission’s packet.

VIII. COURT OFFICE REPORT
This report is contained in the Commission’s packet.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:
   1. Change of Command Ceremony – In a formal ceremony, Command
      Authority was transferred from retiring Chief David Mara, to incoming
      Chief Robert Merner.

   2. MOTION TO ADJOURN:
      There being no further business before the Commission, the Chair asked
      for a motion to adjourn.

      Action: Commissioner Onosko moved the June 27th, 2017 Police
      Commission meeting be adjourned.
      Seconded by Commissioner Plaia.
      On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to adjourn the June 27th, 2017
      Police Commission meeting at 6:26 p.m.

END OF MEETING

Respectfully Submitted By Kathleen Levesque, Executive Assistant
Reviewed By Commissioner Plaia, Clerk of the Commission