

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:**

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (Anticipated Action: A motion will be made to accept the minutes of the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.)

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Individual comment is limited to five minutes.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. POLICE COMMISSION:**

1. Commissioner Onosko:
  - a. Establish a Date for Public Discussion of PD Survey Results
  - b. Motorcycle Noise Enforcement Update
2. Commissioner Splaine:
  - a. Body Cams & Dash Cameras

**B. CHIEF OF POLICE:**

1. Life Saving Award - Recognition of Officer Jordan Wells for his emergency wound care of a stabbing victim.
2. Promotion of Detective Seth Tondreault
3. Swearing-in of Officer Matt Loureiro
4. Semi-Annual K-9 Report – Lt. Kinsman
5. Accreditation Update
6. Monthly Traffic Stats
7. Financial Report – Karen Senecal
  - a. Grant Applications Update
  - b. Facilities Report

**C. PATROL DIVISION:**

This report is included in the commission packet.

**VI. COURT OFFICE REPORT**

This report is included in the commission packet.

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER BUSINESS: None**

**VIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the usual 4:30/5:30 start time. (See note at the beginning of this agenda for a start time explanation.) Please check the meetings calendar on the city's website as the date approaches for cancellations or changes to the time or meeting location.

**NOTICE to members of the public who are hearing impaired:** If you wish to attend a meeting and need assistance, please contact Human Resources Director Dianna Fogarty at 431-2000 ext. 7270 prior to the scheduled meeting. Thank You.

*Kathie Louique*

(Posted on Friday, August 17, 2018)

*Arthur Wilson*, Clerk of the Commission

**Portsmouth Police Commission**  
Agenda Item For Tuesday, August 21, 2018

**PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION**  
(To Be Brought Up For Further Discussion At September Police Commission Meeting)

**REVIEW GROUP  
TO CONSIDER  
BODY CAMS & DASH CAMERAS**

**Goal:** To create a group to review the possibility of adopting a program for Police Officer Body Cams, and installing DASH Cameras in police vehicles. This may involve a pilot program for volunteers who will wear body cams on a trial basis, or a program that is more extensive and permanent. The group would work with police department staff, and ask for assistance from other sources private and public, including from other communities, the state, and regional resources. The group would seek to report on the costs, legal implications, restrictions, benefits for training, and consider the experiences -- pros and cons -- of other cities and towns in New Hampshire and elsewhere with Body Cam and Dash Camera programs.

**Inclusion:**

A group of 15 individuals may include:

- 3 - At-large citizens.
- 3 - Representatives from Portsmouth Police Department unions.
- 2 - Residents with legal experience.
- 1 - The Portsmouth Police Department Police Chief
- 2 - Command Level personnel.
- 2 - Former Portsmouth Police Officers/Chief/Command Level.
- 1 - Portsmouth Police Department administrative staff member.

Ex-officio: 3 Police Commissioners.

Except for the union representatives, who would be named by the unions, the membership would be selected by consensus among the Police Commissioners

**Suggested Process:** The Review Group should meet to select a Chair and to discuss its task and formalize initial questions for staff to review. The core questions to be answered should be **(1)**, *"Why should we adopt a Body Cam and/or Dash Camera program?"* **(2)**, *"Why not?"*

Beyond that, the Review Group can decide to ask individual members or subcommittees of membership and members of the public to analyze aspects of any program that would adopt Body Cams and Dash Cameras, including costs, legal matters, privacy concerns, Court use, Right-To-Know Law implications, and the value of training.

At a minimum, the Review Group should hold two open public sessions, inviting members of the public to speak their concerns.

In addition to determining potential cost, the Review Group may inquire as to available grants and possible private donations to offset cost to taxpayers and the Police Department budget.

Consideration of a timeline for implementation, if applicable, should be examined.

While a formal "recommendation" is not requested, it would be welcomed.

**Target Date For Report:** May 1, 2019, adaptable.

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*The purpose of this proposal is to have an inclusive, informed and positive open public dialogue so that the Police Commission can decide whether or not having a Body Cam and/or Dash Camera program is valuable for the people of Portsmouth.*

**- Jim Splaine**