

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17TH, 2019 POLICE COMMISSION
MEETING

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

Joseph J. Onosko, Chair
Jim Splaine
Stefany Shaheen

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The December 17th, 2019 monthly Police Commission meeting was called to order at 4:22 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 (a), “Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee...”, (c), “Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person...”.

Action: Commissioner Splaine moved to enter non-public session for the purposes delineated above.

Seconded by Commissioner Onosko.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Onosko:	“Aye.”
Commissioner Splaine:	“Aye.”
Commissioner Shaheen:	“Aye.”

The motion passed to go into non-public session at 4:22 p.m.

The public session was called back to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

The following people were present: Commissioners Onosko, Splaine, and Shaheen, Chief Robert Merner, Lt. Christian Cummings, and Admin. Manager Karen Senecal.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Splaine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 20th, 2019 meeting, as written, or with edits.

Action: Commissioner Shaheen moved to accept the minutes of the November 20th, 2019 meeting as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Splaine.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to accept the above captioned meeting minutes as written.

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 scrolling down the home page of the City's website to "Recent Meeting Broadcast", or "City YouTube Channel..." which is in the blue box just below it.)

There being no one wishing to speak, the Chair closed the public comment section.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. POLICE COMMISSION:

1. Commissioner Splaine:

a. Briefing on the PPD Drone Unit: Lt. Cummings gave a comprehensive update on the Drone Unit and Equipment. (The Briefing may be viewed in its entirety via the YouTube link on the City's Home Page, near the bottom of the page.)

Action: Commissioner Splaine moved to name the drone "The Webber Drone", and the van, "The Geraldine".

Seconded by Commissioner Shaheen.

On a Voice Vote: The motion passed to name the drone "The Webber Drone", and the van, "The Geraldine".

B. CHIEF OF POLICE:

1. Grants & Donations
2. Letters of Appreciation from Outside the Department
3. Accreditation Update
4. Monthly Traffic Stats
5. Financial Report
 - a. Strategic Plan
 - b. Grant Applications Update
 - c. Facilities Report

VII. PATROL DIVISION:

- a. This report was included in the 12-17-19 Commission meeting packet.

VIII. COURT OFFICE REPORT:

- a. This confidential report was included in the 12-17-19 Commission meeting packet.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair thanked Commissioner Splaine for his work on the Commission.

Commissioner Splaine thanked the Chair and spoke briefly about the need to make getting a new police building a top priority for the city. All three of the Commissioners spoke about their first-hand exposure to the working conditions of our police officers and civilian employees in the basement floors of the old hospital bldg.

X. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st, 2020, with the public session beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

PLEASE NOTE: If the vacancy created by Commissioner Splaine's election to the City Council is not filled by this date, by statute, the Police Commission will not meet. The city's website will be updated as the meeting date draws closer – PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Commission, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Commissioner Splaine moved the December 17th, 2019 Police Commission Meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Commissioner Shaheen.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed to adjourn the December 17th, 2019 Monthly Police Commission Meeting at 6:43 p.m.

END OF MEETING

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Respectfully Submitted By Kathleen Levesque, Executive Assistant

Reviewed By Commissioner Splaine, Clerk of the Commission

Jim Splaine