

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14TH, 2021 SPECIAL POLICE COMMISSION BUDGET WORK SESSION

3:30 PM
Zoom Meeting Platform

Joseph J. Onosko, Chair
Stefany Shaheen, Commissioner
Thomas P. Hart, Commissioner

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the January 14th, 2021 Special Police Commission Budget Work Session to order at 3:30 p.m. via the City's Zoom Meeting Platform. The following people were present: Commissioners Onosko, Shaheen and Hart, Chief Newport, and Admin. Manager Karen Senecal.

II. PUBLIC INPUT:

The Chair opened the meeting up for public comment. There being no individuals wishing to speak, the Commission proceeded to close the public input to proceed with the next line of business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commission:

1. City Manager's Opening Sentiments

- a.) CM Conard took a moment to speak with the Commission, Chief Newport and Admin. Manager Karen Senecal about the goals and objectives of the overall City FY'22 budget. The following points were highlighted:
 - a. Interested in remaining unified
 - b. Multi-year budgeting process
 - c. Significant legal & contractual obligations
 - d. Conservative and speculative in nature
 - e. Balancing restoration of infrastructure with careful spending
 - f. Long history of fiscal prudence
- b.) The Commission had the opportunity to ask the City Manager a question regarding potential relief funding offered to municipalities under the new administration.

2. Review of the Police Department Budget

Using comprehensive data tables in a PowerPoint presentation, Chief Newport and Admin. Manager Karen Senecal provided the Commission with an updated (but still very preliminary) review of the department budget, to include decision-making rationale, context, and historical spending for individual aspects of the budget.

This presentation was designed to focus more so on the continual ebbs and flows of the annual police budget and how to maintain budget health by remaining adaptable to whatever situation may arise during any given year. Presentation highlights:

- a.) Preparing a level service budget for public hearing
- b.) Prepared reduction scenarios that have been requested
- c.) Surpluses at the end of the year
- d.) Have to be fluid with budget throughout the year

*For more information, a recording of this meeting is available on the City's Youtube Channel and the City's Website.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The January 14th, 2021 Police Commission work session on the budget ended at 4:16 p.m.

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*Respectfully Submitted by Jacqueline Burnett, Executive Assistant
Commissioner Hart, Clerk of the Commission*

Thomas P. Hart