

BOARD of POLICE COMMISSIONERS

of the

City of Portsmouth, N.H.



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“Providing Citizen Oversight of Your Police Department”

NOTICE: The Police Commission has a dedicated phone number at the police department. You can call the Commissioners at 603-610-7471 and leave a message regarding your concerns, along with your name and a telephone number. The Commissioners will be advised of your message and someone will return your call in a timely fashion. You can also email the Commissioners directly through the Police Department webpage, by going to ‘About Us’, then selecting “Police Commission”. Click on the name of the Commissioner you wish to contact directly.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 22nd, 2021 (Thursday)

LOCATION &

TIME:

4:00 p.m., Open Zoom Meeting & Enter Non-Public

5:30 p.m., Resume Public Zoom Meeting

Please see important note on the start time:

NOTE: The meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. via the city’s Zoom Platform. It is anticipated the Commission will go into a non-public session immediately, as provided for under headings a-e & i of RSA 91-A:3 II, as the Police Commission directs. The public session will then resume on the City’s Zoom meeting platform whenever the non-public session is finished, which should be at or about 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

March 23rd, 2021. (Anticipated Action: A motion will be made to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting as written, or with edits.)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individual comment is limited to five minutes.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. POLICE COMMISSION:

1. Facilities Update
2. Community Forum Update
3. Budget Update

B. CHIEF OF POLICE:

1. Commendations for Outstanding Police Work
 - a. Officer Timothy Conroy was nominated for a Life-Saving Award after he provided immediate medical aid to a motorist involved in a crash with a tractor trailer on the Sara Long Bridge. Chief Newport will detail the incident and Officer Conroy's actions.
2. Thanks & Recognition
 - a. A resident from London, England, reached out to commend the officers on duty the day she called to request a well-being check on her friend. She was concerned her friend might harm himself. PPD Officers quickly located the individual and ensured that he was safe. She was very appreciative of the immediate response.
3. Grants & Donations
 - a. A grant in the amount of \$15,392.26 has been awarded to the Portsmouth Police Department from the NH Department of Safety for Night Vision Equipment. This grant cannot be executed until accepted and approved by both the Police Commission and City Council. (Anticipated Action: A motion will be made to accept the \$15,392.26 grant from the NH Department of Safety for Night Vision Equipment and forward to the City Council for their action.)
 - b. A grant in the amount of \$24,759 from the NH Department of Justice through the 'Victims of Crime Act' (VOCA grant) is in the pipeline. This grant is for expenses incurred and services provided for direct victim services, to include expenses for personnel. Based on the tight deadlines of the grant, we are looking for approval "pending funding". (Anticipated Action: A motion will be made to

accept the grant, “pending funding”, in the amount of \$24,759 from the NH Department of Justice through the ‘Victims of Crime Act’, and forward to the City Council for their action.)

- c. A donation of two (2) animal carriers has been donated to the Portsmouth Police Department’s Animal Control Office by Port City Veterinary Referral Hospital by Ethos. (Anticipated Action: A motion will be made to accept the donation of two (2) animal carriers for the Animal Control Office.)

- 3. Accreditation Update
- 4. Monthly Traffic Stats
- 5. Financial Report – Karen Senecal
 - d. Strategic Plan
 - e. Grant Applications Update
 - f. 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, May 25th, 2021 at the usual 4:00/5:30 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 venue.

NOTICE to members of the public who are hearing impaired: Applies only to in-person meetings in Council Chambers - If you wish to attend a meeting and need assistance, please contact City Human Resources at 431-2000 ext. 7270 prior to the scheduled meeting. Thank You.

Jackie Burnett, Executive Assistant to the Chief

(Posted on April 20, 2021)

Commissioner Thomas P. Hart, Recording Clerk of the Commission