

BOARD of POLICE COMMISSIONERS

of the

City of Portsmouth, N.H.



Commission Chair Kate Coyle...Commissioner Buzz Scherr...Commissioner Francesca Fernald

“Providing Citizen Oversight of Your Police Department”

May 28th, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Request a motion to suspend the agenda to move to item #1 and #2, “Award Ceremony” and “Vesting of Rank Ceremony” under the Chief’s Report.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 4/16/24 MEETING MINUTES

(Anticipated action: A motion will be made to accept the meeting minutes from the April 16th Police Commission Meeting.)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individual comment is limited to five minutes. Speakers are asked to state their name and address before addressing their topic.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. POLICE COMMISSION

1. Social Worker Introduction
 - a. Brooke Murphy
2. Station Design Conference Update
 - a. Last week, Commissioner Scherr and Chief Newport attended the 2024 Station Design Conference in Glendale, AZ.
3. Facilities Update
 - a. Restoration
 - b. Community Policing Facility Planning
4. Community Priorities

B. CHIEF OF POLICE

1. Award Ceremony

This Ceremony is to honor the below named Investigative Division members (past and present) for their tireless investigative work to help solve the 40+ year old Laura Kempton cold case in 2023. They each will be awarded the “Paul Lindsay Detective Award” for excellence in a criminal investigation.

- a. Ret. Captain John Peracchi
- b. Det. Widerstrom

2. Vesting of Rank Ceremony

The below named ranking members of the Portsmouth Police Auxiliary Unit (part-time officers) will be vested with the authority and responsibility of their new rank.

- a. Auxiliary Captain Alana Blais
- b. Auxiliary Lieutenant Jessica Stacy
- c. Auxiliary Sergeant Christopher Roth

3. Crown Victoria Donation

- a. The Portsmouth Police Department wishes to donate an out-of-service Crown Victoria police vehicle to The Crown Victoria Museum in Hayward, CA, at no cost to the department. The museum has agreed to incur all costs associated with transport and refurbishing the vehicle for their display. **(Anticipated Action: A motion will be made to allow the Portsmouth Police Department to donate an old Crown Victoria police vehicle to The Crown Victoria Museum in Hayward, CA, and forward to the City Council for their action.)**

4. Accreditation Update

5. Crime Analyst Report

6. Monthly Traffic Stats

7. Financial Report

- a. Grant Applications Update
- b. Strategic Plan Update

VI. PATROL DIVISION

This report is included in the commission packet.

VII. COURT OFFICE REPORT

This confidential report is included in the commission packet.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER BUSINESS

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, June 18th, 2024. Please check the municipal meetings calendar on the city's website for any important meeting updates.

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Jackie Burnett, Executive Assistant to the Chief

Commissioner Buzz Scherr, Recording Clerk of the Commission