



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

July 16, 2019

Meeting Minutes: 2:50

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, and James Wilburn
- OPO Commissioners absent: Elizabeth Kelley
- Legal Counsel: Dennis Hession
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana
- OPO staff member absent: Christina Coty

Items Session

- The Agenda approved after striking the item OPO recommendations.
- The May 21st minutes were approved.
- Texting questions – going forward you will be able to text questions to the OPOC real time, and they will be answered time permitting.

Public Forum

- Brian Breen
 - Handout to the OPOC and OPO. (See attached)
 - Confirmed the fact that he was the complainant in the Lucas Ellerman complaint.
 - He believes has clear and convincing evidence that this was a cover-up by SPD.
- Debra Hunt
 - Ms. Hunt described how she had been assaulted, she feels profiled by the police, she is repeatedly subjected to mental health evaluations and treated disrespectfully
 - Commissioner Rose recommended meeting with the OPO to file a complaint.
- Kurtis Robinson
 - Interesting time to be dealing with challenges as a community.
 - The NAACP is in support of the OPO's goal and drives.

Guest Speaker: Police Chief Meidl - SPD

- Updated Use of Force Policy discussion. (See attached presentation sheets)

Resume Public Comment

- Cam Zorrozuza – provided updated statistics on use of force and comment regarding ongoing use of force issues in the city.
- Liz Moore – low ready should be included in use of force, pay attention to use of force frequent fliers
- Brian Breen – recommended study UOF Commission report and the DOJ Collaborative Reform. SPD has not followed through on all recommendations.

OPO Report

- OPO Highlights for June
 - 208 contacts, 8 complaints, 18 referrals, 7 OPO interviews
 - 17 cases certified, 11 special cases reviewed

- 4 community events
- Discussed Use of Force issue

Commissioners' Business

- 2018 Annual Reports
 - Commissioner will present the Annual Report to the City Council this summer
 - Vote – motion for approval pending changes for OPO
 - Approved
 - Vote – motion for approval for the OPOC annual report
 - Approved
- Potential District 1 Commissioner Replacement
 - There is currently a candidate being interviewed and going through background check for this position.
- Open discussion regarding Guild letter
 - The letter from the Police Guild was sent to the Mayor, City Administrator, the Chief of Police, Major King, City Council, and the Ombudsman. The letter stated the Guild's objection to the Ombudsman contributing to the investigation, interviews, and certification of the Use of Force complaint submitted by the OPO. They demanded Mr. Logue step down from any part of the investigation.
 - Commissioner Rose shared her own personal feelings regarding the letter submitted by the Guild. (See attached
 - Commissioner Smith agrees with Commissioner Rose and thanked her for writing her statement.
 - Mr. Logue stated that he did not step down from the investigation
- OPO Recommendations
 - Tabled until further notice
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - No additional comments
- OPOC Meeting dates for August and September
 - Date Changes
 - Proposed August meeting be held on August 13th instead of August 20th.
Voted – Unanimously approved
 - September meeting is cancelled - Voted – Unanimously approved
 - Next meeting will be on October 15th
- Ombudsman requested contract renewal be discussed at the August meeting
- Executive Session
 - Personal matters

Motion Passes or Fails: 6

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:50PM

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file -
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